



City of Racine Police Department
Policy and Procedure

Number: 610

Subject: Officer Response to a Tactical Situation		
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POLICY

If at all possible, officers not in uniform will not be assigned to the inner perimeter duties during a tactical situation. Those officers with some type of POLICE identifier (tactical vest, raid jacket, etc.) can be used in the inner perimeter so long as the identifier is clearly visible.

No officer, uniformed or plainclothes, shall enter within, or direct weapons fire into the area bounded by the inner perimeter unless ordered to by the Incident Commander, except to protect the life of an officer or civilian. No officer shall attempt any offensive actions prior to the arrival of the SWAT Team/Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT), except to prevent the escape of the subject(s) or to protect the life of an officer or civilian.

This procedure shall not apply to an Active Shooter(s) situation that would require on-scene members to make use of Rapid Deployment intended to safe guard innocent individuals whose presence has placed them in a situation of imminent great bodily injury or death by the actions of the Active Shooter(s).

PROCEDURE

MEMBER

Upon being dispatched to the scene of a tactical situation, the following steps shall be taken:

UNIFORMED MEMBER

1. Respond to the scene or staging area in the safest manner as directed by Communications or Incident Commander.
2. Approach the immediate area with caution and contact the Incident Commander or the Staging Coordinator, via radio or in person (as appropriate), for an individually assigned position on the perimeter.
3. Park, and exit your squad (taking the keys with you) at the nearest secure point to your assigned position. Do not leave your unattended squad car blocking an intersection (unless your safety is compromised).
 - a. Allow adequate cover for individual safety
 - b. Advise the Command Post or your incident assigned supervisor of your exact location when in your assigned position.
4. Officers assigned to the inner perimeter shall attempt to contain the situation in the smallest area possible until the SWAT and CNT relieve them.
5. Officers assigned to the outer perimeter shall effectively redirect traffic and pedestrians out of and around the tactical area. Plainclothes members will be used on the outer perimeter when available.

PLAINCLOTHES MEMBER

1. Report directly to the Command Post (green light) or staging area for assignment.

2. Plainclothes members will be used for outer perimeter assignments. Members assigned to the outer perimeter shall effectively redirect traffic and pedestrians out of and around the tactical area.

SHIFT COMMANDER

Notify:

1. Chief of Police
2. Deputy Chief's
3. Public Information Officer.

RELATED PROCEDURES

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RELATED MANUALS/SOP(S)

SWAT Team S.O.P. Manual

Crisis Negotiations Team S.O.P. Manual

Incident Command System (ICS) Manual