

SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS TEAM

DESCRIPTION	The Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) Team provides increased law enforcement capabilities using specially trained and equipped tactical officers to prevent or respond to high-risk emergency incidents
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Law Enforcement Operations
RESOURCE KIND	Team
OVERALL FUNCTION	<p>The SWAT Team responds to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. High-risk warrant service and apprehensions 2. Active shooter or active threat situations 3. Barricaded situations 4. Hostage rescue operations 5. Terrorism threats 6. VIP protection needs 7. Special event perimeter control needs (high-risk security operations) 8. Sniper and counter-sniper operations
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Discuss logistics for deploying this team, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment 2. Discuss the need for additional operational support teams, including a Crisis Negotiation Team, Bomb Response Team, Hazardous Materials Response Team, and canine or aviation unit 3. Requestor specifies need for hazardous materials response capabilities 4. Discuss the need for specialized capabilities, including breaching and surveillance capabilities, that are unique to the mission, as not all teams offer every capability 5. Requestor may order Tactical Medics, Tactical Emergency Medical Support (TEMS) teams, K-9 teams, Unmanned Aircraft Systems Teams, logistics specialists, and intelligence specialists to augment this team 6. Discuss arrangements related to arrest authority, such as deputation, before deployment 7. Requestor and provider discuss communications system requirements such as 800 MHz requirements or need for secure channels 8. Discuss use of munitions, non-lethal chemical agents, and less-lethal munitions

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	26	19	15	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 SWAT Team Leader	Same as Type 3, PLUS: Same as Type 3	1 - NIMS Type 1 SWAT Team Commander 2 - NIMS Type 1 SWAT Team Leader	1. All types include an advance team that remains as a component of this team. 2. All types train together prior to deployment.

Resource Typing Definition for On-scene Security, Protection and Law Enforcement Law Enforcement Operations

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 6 - NIMS Type 1 SWAT Team Officer	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 4 - NIMS Type 1 SWAT Team Officer	12 - NIMS Type 1 SWAT Team Officer	1. Tactical support may include specialties such as breacher, sniper, observer, and grenadier. 2. Teams can include Tactical Medics, TEMS teams, logistics specialists, and intelligence specialists.
WEAPONS SYSTEMS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Department and Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) approved weapons, which may include: 1. Duty weapons 2. Specialty weapons 3. Ammunition 4. Less-lethal weapons	Not Specified
TACTICAL TOOLS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 1. Munitions and non-lethal chemical agent delivery system 2. Munitions and non-lethal chemical agents	Tactical gear is mission specific and may include: 1. Breaching shotguns 2. Battering ram 3. Breaching equipment 4. Flash-bang distraction and diversionary devices 5. Night-vision tools 6. Ballistic shield 7. Surveillance equipment	Not Specified
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM MEMBER	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	PPE is mission specific and may include: 1. Level 3 body armor with ballistic plates 2. Helmet 3. Hood (fire-resistant) 4. Eye protection 5. Gloves 6. Knee pads 7. Full-face air purifying respirator (APR) 8. Tactical medical supplies, including tourniquets and clotting bandages	The following regulation addresses PPE: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment.
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 7- Short-range, two-way portable radio 7 - Cell phone	Same as Type 3, PLUS: 4 - Short-range, two-way portable radio 4 - Cell phone 1 - Satellite phone	15 - Short-range, two-way portable radio 15 - Cell phone	Not Specified
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	Department assigned vehicles	Department assigned vehicles may include patrol cars, unmarked police cars, sport utility vehicles, and other vehicles.

NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508: Bomb Response Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 508: Crisis Negotiation Team
3. FEMA, NIMS 508: Hazardous Materials Response Team
4. FEMA, NIMS 509: Special Weapons and Tactics Team Commander
5. FEMA, NIMS 509: Special Weapons and Tactics Team Leader
6. FEMA, NIMS 509: Special Weapons and Tactics Team Officer
7. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
8. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
9. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.132: Personal Protective Equipment, latest edition adopted
10. National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA), Tactical Response and Operations Standards for Law Enforcement Agencies, September 2015
11. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), Guidance on Emergency Responder Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Response to CBRN Terrorism Incidents, Publication Number 2008-132
12. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), NFPA-472: Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Incidents, latest edition adopted