

TAC OPS PRE-PLANNING GUIDE

Tac Ops Discussions and Considerations

As part of TacOps Rehearsals, the following tactical topics are offered as discussion points. Use this guide to facilitate discussion about pre-planning and rehearsing tactical operations. **This is not a document to be used during the adjudication of Non-Categorical or Categorical Use of Force incidents.**

TACTICAL CONCEPTS

- Have a positive mindset - **NEVER GIVE UP**
- Talk tactics and have a plan
- Contain, Control, Communicate
- Contact/Cover assignments
- Expect the unexpected - Complacency kills
- Always know your location
- Believe in your instincts
- Wear your vest and carry a backup weapon
- Never underestimate a suspect
- Preplan tactics if taken hostage
- Use of hand signals
- Downed officer rescue techniques
- Request back up, assistance or help when appropriate
- Distance + Cover = Time
- Know your ability, skills and limits
- Discuss SWAT and K9 deployment criteria
- Inform your partner of any special medical conditions you may have

USE OF FORCE

- Know the law and policy
- Compel a person to comply with your lawful direction, overcome resistance of a person during an arrest or a detention, defend yourself or others
- Categorical Use of Force requirements
- Immediate Defense of Life
- Background, Age, Last resort, Knowledge, Seriousness of offense
- Cover and/or concealment

EQUIPMENT

- Wear your vest
- Carry a back up weapon
- Know what equipment your partner carries
- Carry your baton or ASP
- Additional magazines and ammunition
- OC
- Extra handcuffs
- Have a TASER
- Use a personal tape recorder
- Carry an ASTRO
- Building search equipment and tools
- Beanbag Shotgun
- Slug Shotgun
- UPR

VEHICLE PULLOVERS

- Choose your stop location
- Advise and **UPDATE** Communications Division of your Code 6 location
- Request an Air Unit, if necessary
- Driver responsibilities

- Passenger responsibilities
- Identify cover and concealment before you exit vehicle
- Discuss possibility of suspect fleeing on foot or others remaining in vehicle
- What are the suspect(s) doing in vehicle?
- Review Commands for different vehicle stops
- Know when to remove a suspect from a vehicle
- Bring suspect to you
- Watch the doors, trunk and mirror of suspect vehicle
- Watch for traffic

VEHICLE PURSUITS

- Know the Pursuit Policy
- Wear your seatbelt
- Request an Air unit and back up
- Tracking
- Discontinue a pursuit when appropriate
- Communicate with your partner and other units in a pursuit
- Monitor your speed and driving conditions
- Clear traffic
- End of pursuit tactics
- PIT tactics
- Stop Stick

FOOT PURSUITS

- Discuss when to pursue and when to establish a perimeter
- What type of crime is the suspect wanted for and how much time has elapsed since suspect was last seen?
- DO NOT SEPARATE**
- Do not follow the exact path of suspect
- Discuss when to terminate the foot pursuit

WEAPONS

- Maintain your weapon proficiency
- Clean your weapon and oil as necessary
- Know the criteria and limits of less-lethal weapons, UPR and slug shotguns
- Practice malfunction drills (use snap caps)
- Never clear a weapon if you are unsure of its operation

PLAINCLOTHES/OFF-DUTY CONSIDERATIONS

- What safety equipment are you carrying?
- Can you communicate with the Department? What communications devices do you have?
- Raid Jackets
- Body Armor
- Can responding uniform officers readily identify you?
- Determine when to and when not to get involved
- Contacts with uniformed personnel during undercover operations