



GAINESVILLE

**POLICE**

## *EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT (ESU)*

ESU will operate under the newly formed Special Response Group which also includes SWAT and the Negotiation Team (NRT)



# **EMERGENCY SERVICES UNIT**

## **MISSION STATEMENT for GPD's SPECIAL RESPONSE GROUP:**

*The primary mission of each team within the Special Response Group is to protect and save lives through the use of enhanced training, tactics, and equipment.*



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- As the City's service area and responsibility increases there is a growing need to enhance GPD's ability to rapidly deploy life saving & emergency use equipment.
- The primary objective of ESU is to have a group of highly trained Patrol officers that can quickly respond to critical incidents (***medical emergencies, natural disasters, active shooters***).
- ESU members will be trained to use various life saving equipment and trained to deal with mental health issues for citizens that are in crisis.
- ESU members are assigned to Patrol full time and shall be evenly spread among the shifts to provide as close to 24-7 coverage as possible. ESU officers will be answering calls for service when their special equipment and training are not needed at specific incidents.

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- ESU Team Commander is Lt. Dan Stout. Lt. Stout is a former SWAT member and is dual certified as a Paramedic.
- In 2007 Lt. Stout started a project to provide Tactical Casualty Care and Trauma Kits to multiple agencies in the North Florida area. This training was provided to over 1,000 law enforcement officers.
- From 2008 to 2014 GPD has utilized “Trauma Kits” 39 times and they were credited with saving 32 lives of both victims and suspects.
- Lt. Stout is presenting this week at the U.S. Congress as part of a nationwide “Stop the Bleeding” effort supported by all first-responder disciplines.

**GPD sergeant's trauma first-aid kits save lives  
Officers used the kits on victims of a recent shooting spree**



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- **MEDICAL EQUIPMENT:**
  - **Automated External Defibrillator (AED):** Each member will be assigned and trained on the use of an AED device.
  - **Tac-Med Ark Kits:** Trauma Kits designed to allow for treatment of multiple injured persons and significantly reduces the evacuation time of seriously injured casualties. Rescue times can be greatly improved and survivability rates can be increased.
  - **Larger Fire Extinguishers:** Greater ability to respond to fire incidents at structures and vehicles if officers get on scene before firefighters.



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- **TACTICAL EQUIPMENT:**

- **Ballistic Shields**: ESU officers will each be assigned shields to provide additional ballistic protection when critical incidents such as an armed disturbance require officers to make an exigent entry into a house or other structure.
- **Less Lethal**: A less-lethal device that can only fire a non-lethal large rubber round. These weapons are more accurate and can be used at a further range than the “bean bag” rounds fired from our current standard 12 gauge shotgun. Use of this weapon will allow for a wider range of options beyond deadly force.
- **Rifles**: ESU officers will be trained on the use of rifles in order to enhance our ability to respond to incidents of active shooters. Rifles allow for greater accuracy and limit the danger to officers and citizens when facing a suspect armed with an opposing rifle or other long-range munitions.

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- **GENERAL EQUIPEMENT:**
  - **Entry Gear:** Equipment for making forced entries during any rescue operations; ram, bolt cutters, glass breakers, etc.
  - **Emergency Gear:** Chain saws and corresponding protective gear to utilize following any storm damage



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- **ESU TRAINING:**
  - **Mental Health and Crisis Handling such as CIT.**
  - **De-escalation techniques to minimize violent confrontation**
  - **Advanced emergency medical response training**
  - **Critical Incidents tactics and entry team movement.**