

Gainesville Police Department

S.W.A.T.



INTRODUCTORY

S.W.A.T

- A SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) team is an elite team of Gainesville Police Officers that are specially trained to handle threatening situations that fall outside the capabilities of patrol officers. Officers assigned to the team are selected, trained, and equipped to work as a coordinated team to resolve critical incidents that are so hazardous, complex, or unusual that they may exceed the capabilities of first responders or investigative units. Unfortunately, today every encounter has the potential for serious injury or death. GPD SWAT's operating standard is to minimize injury to **Victims, Suspects** and **Officers** in every deployment regardless of the level of risk. Tactics employed by GPD SWAT are in accordance with the National Tactical Officers Association.

Warrant Service Criteria

Risk Assessment Matrix (used to identify threat)

(Low - Medium - High)

Some Factors that are evaluated to determine threat level include:

Firearms Present at location

Criminal History of Subjects at location

Environment/Containment/Suspect #'s

Presence of Children/Elderly

Violence/Documented gang members

Level of Offense (Potential for loss of freedom/finances)

Scaled down tactics usually implemented for Low risk

SWAT Tactical Formula

- One of the primary factors consistent in recent high profile events involving improper use of force is lack of training.
- Our team trains one 10 hour day once a month and two 10 hour days every other month with an additional 40 hour week annually. In total the team receives approximately **220** hours of training a year.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{Tactical Training} \\ + \\ \text{Tactical Experience} \\ = \\ \text{Tactical Competency} \end{array}$$

Training consists of

Medical Care

Hostage Rescue

Chemical Agents

Legal Updates

DT (Defensive Tactics)

Dignitary Protection

Active Shooter

Warrant Service

Barricaded subjects

Less Lethal & Chemical

Mechanical/explosive Breaching

Manhunt Operations

Vehicle & Bus Assaults

Joint ESU

Officer Rescue

Joint NRT

Selection Criteria

- 1. Firearms Proficiency Test
- 2. Fitness Proficiency Test
- 3. Scenarios (Decision-making)(pass or fail)
- 4. Complete a Stress Course (pass or fail)
- 5. Exposure to OC (pass or fail)
- 6. Rappelling (pass or fail)
- 7. Obstacle Course (pass or fail)
- 8. Interview with Team Leadership
 - a. Employees History (IA History, Job Performance, Community Involvement)
 - b. Identify candidates with a Save Lives mentality.

26 SWAT Operators

- Patrol Operations
- Patrol Support
- CID
- SOU
- SRO
- CIU
- GHA
- Reserve Officers

(76) SWAT DEPLOYMENTS (2020/21)

GPD CALL OUT - 5

(Barricade Incidents - Wood Searches)

ICAC - 14

(Crimes against Children)

CID - 10

(Prop-Financial-Persons Crimes)

SID - 15

(Narcotics Division)

QRF - 15

(Protest, High Risk Concerts, Inauguration)

PTL - 3

(Patrol SW's)

ASO - 5

(ASO Request Assist SW's)

ASO - 2

(Call Out Incident - Homicide Suspect Search Assist)

DEMOS - 7

(Expos/National Night out)

SWAT MOTTO

“SAVING LIVES”

SWAT Community Service

2021 (Covid cancellations)

2020 Newberry High Expo

2020 Santa Fe College Expo

2020 Junior Police Academy

2019 Mall Demo Expo

2019 Touch a Truck

2019 National Night Out

2019 5th Annual Career Expo

Barricade



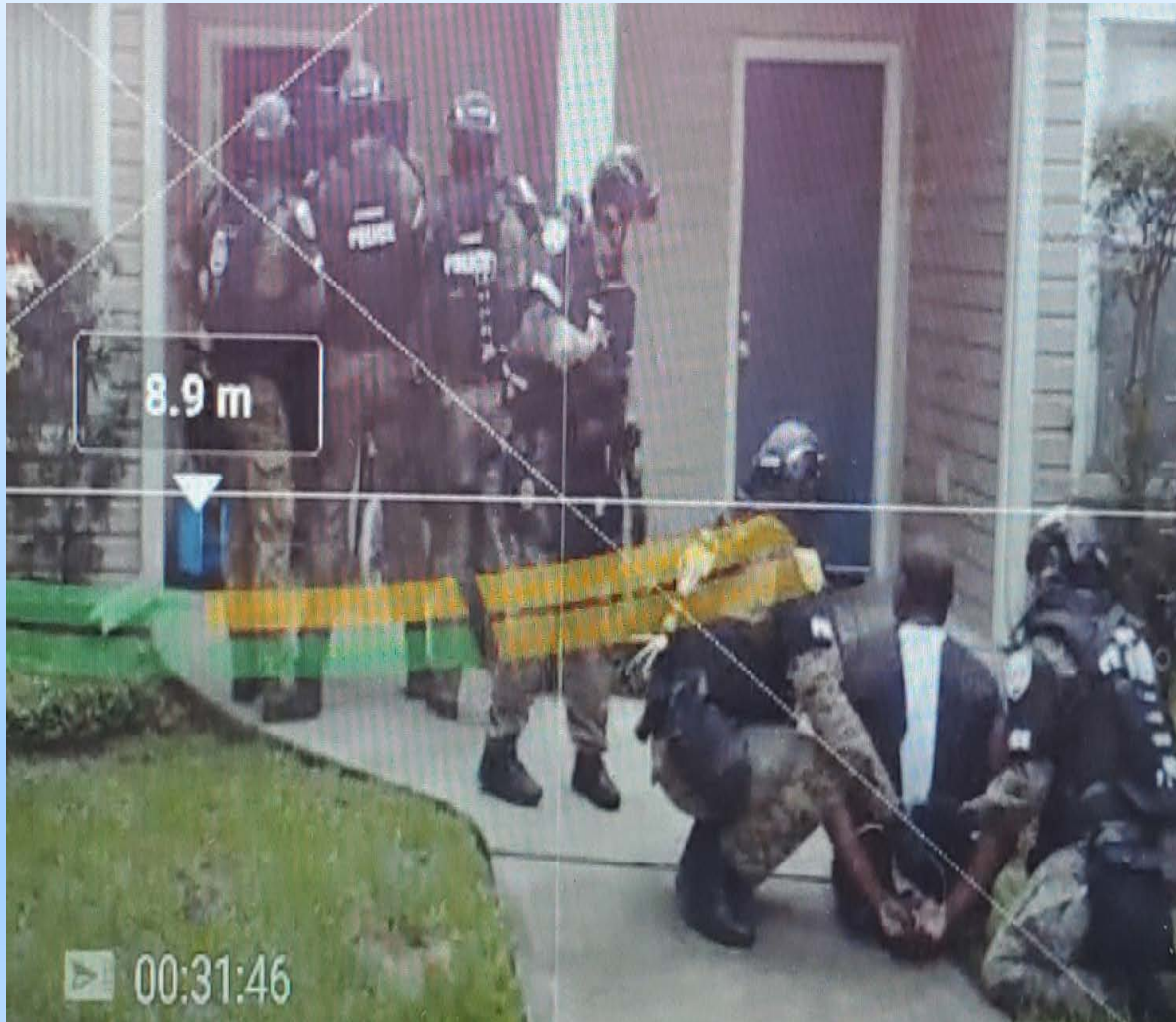
Manhunt HOMICIDE Suspect



Hostage/Barricade



Barricade Madison Apt.



High Risk Search Warrant Gun Violence/Gang Members



Search Warrant X3

Person Shot Incident



DEPLOYMENTS OF GPD SWAT (76)

SEVERAL APPREHENSIONS

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INJURIES AND/OR DEATHS