

INTRADEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE

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TO: Metropolitan Division Personnel

FROM: Commanding Officer, Metropolitan Division

SUBJECT: HEAVY WEAPONRY WITHIN METROPOLITAN DIVISION

Metropolitan Division (Metro) currently possesses extraordinary weaponry of various calibers in its inventory. Some of Metro's arsenal is considered "heavy weaponry" within the military community because of its caliber (.50 caliber or above) or require more than one person to safely operate; further defined as a crew-served, link-fed weapon capable of firing an inordinate number of rounds.

Only trained personnel assigned to Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) are authorized to deploy heavy weapons within Metro's inventory. Deployment of any heavy weapon beyond training requires prior approval from the Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau, or designee. Consideration shall be given to the following before seeking approval:

- Barrier penetration desirability;
- Long-range target considerations;
- Vehicle interdiction objectives; or
- Extraordinary circumstances where conventional SWAT weaponry would be deemed inadequate such as a well-armed terrorist attack or heavily-armed stronghold that has exhibited hostile fire toward law enforcement or the public.

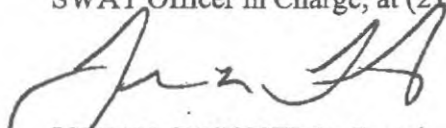
In the event of a spontaneous, extraordinary incident where heavy weaponry is paramount to public as well as officer safety, authorization for exigent deployment may be received from the Commanding Officer, Metro, or his designee. The Commanding Officer, Counter-Terrorism and Special Operations Bureau, or designee, shall be notified as soon as practicable.

The SWAT Sniper Cadre supervisor is responsible for an annual inspection of the aforementioned weaponry to ensure functionality and accuracy. If approval for heavy weaponry has been received for a high-profile planned event or high-risk tactical operation, the SWAT Sniper Cadre supervisor shall ensure that the weapon(s) has been test fired on a 100-yard range, properly manipulated and sighted by the designated operator, and requisite safety precautions have been incorporated into the operational or tactical plan(s).

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The Commanding Officer, Metro, shall ensure that all heavy weapons are properly inventoried and secured within its vault at Central Area Facilities.

If you should have any further questions, please feel free to contact Lieutenant Ruben Lopez, SWAT Officer in Charge, at (213) 972-2420.



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