

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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SPECIAL WEAPONS AND TACTICS (S.W.A.T)	Date: November 13, 2019
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I. POLICY

The Charlottesville Police Department recognizes that the presence of a highly trained, highly skilled police tactical unit has been shown to substantially reduce the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, police officers and suspects. The Department further recognizes that a well-managed "team" response to critical incidents usually results in successful resolution of critical incidents, therefore the Charlottesville Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics (S.W.A.T.) Team has been implemented to provide a highly trained and skilled tactical team as a resource for the Charlottesville Police Department in the handling of critical incidents.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the governing regulations for member selection, tactical training, required equipment and the potential use of the Charlottesville Police Department S.W.A.T. Team.

A limited number of the enclosed City of Charlottesville Police Department General Orders have been redacted. The redactions ensure that that Police Department's operational and tactical responses are withheld for community and Officer Safety (e.g., bank alarm response, response to an active threat, and Tactical Operations).