

RESOURCE: SWAT/Tactical Teams							
CATEGORY:		Law Enforcement and Security Resources			KIND:	Team	
MINIMUM CAPABILITIES:		TYPE I	TYPE II	TYPE III	TYPE IV	OTHER	
COMPONENT	METRIC						
Team	Tactical Unit See Note 1 and Note 7	Type I Teams and Elements	Type II Teams and Elements	Type III Teams and Elements	None		
Team	Tactical Team See Note 2 and Note 7	One Type I tactical element One other Type I or Type II tactical element	One Type II tactical element One other Type II or III tactical element	Multiple Type III elements	None		
Team	Tactical Element See Note 3 and Note 7	Same as Type II except for Multiple special tactics capabilities	5 Personnel Vehicle One or more special tactics capabilities	2 - 5 Personnel Vehicle Basic entry capability	None		
Equipment	Ammunition	Same as Type II	Same as Type III	Ammunition for all weapons	None		
Equipment	Distraction Devices	Same as Type II	Same as Type III	Distraction devices	None		
Equipment	Optics and Target Illumination	Same as Type II	Same as Type III	Night vision goggles Weapons optics IR Illuminators Lighted Weapons System	None		
Equipment	Ballistic Protection	Same as Type II	Same as Type III	Multiple Hand-Held Ballistic shields and blankets (handgun and rifle rated)	None		
Equipment	Respiratory Protection	Same as Type II	Self contained respiratory protection suitable for SWAT operations See note 6	None	None		
Equipment	Chemical Protective Clothing	Same as Type II	Level B and C PPE suitable for SWAT operations	Level C PPE suitable for SWAT operations	None		
Equipment	Insertion Equipment	Same as Type II plus: FAST ROPE	Same as Type III	Rappel Portable ladders	None		
Equipment	Negotiation Equipment	Same as Type II plus: Remote/mobile capabilities	Same as Type III	Transmitting equipment that includes wireless and hard-line	Mutual aid for pre-planned events.		

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Special Tactical Capability	Breaching	Same as Type II plus: Explosives breaching charges	Same as Type III plus: Exothermic breaching equipment	Mechanical and shotgun breaching equipment	Mutual aid for pre-planned events.		
Special Tactical Capability	Observer / Marksman Capability	Same as Type II plus: IR optics	Same as Type III plus: Night operations capability	Long range, optically-equipped weapons.	Mutual aid for pre-planned events.		
Special Tactical Capability	Robotic Equipment	Same as Type II	Robot System with operator, communications, delivery capabilities and tactical weapons platform options	Employment of available bomb squad robotic assets	Mutual aid for pre-planned events		
Special Tactical Capability	Surveillance Equipment	Same as Type II plus: fiber optics	Same as Type III plus: video	Listening equipment	Mutual aid for pre-planned events		
Special Tactical Capability	Bomb Technician Support	Embedded Type I bomb team See Note 4	Embedded or mutual aid Type II bomb team See Note 4	Embedded or mutual aid Type III bomb team See Note 4	Type I, II or III bomb team available for post-incident hazard removal		
Special Tactical Capability	Special Munitions Equipment	Same as Type II	Same as Type III	Chemical agents and Less Lethal weapons with delivery systems.	Mutual aid for pre-planned events		
Special Tactical Capability	Negotiation	Same as Type II	Same as Type III	Negotiator	Mutual aid for pre-planned events		
Special Tactical Capability	Maritime Boarding See Note 9	Underway boarding via air insertion and watercraft	Underway boarding via air or watercraft	Pier-side boarding via air and ladder climb	None		
Special Tactical Capability	Tactical Medic See Note 5	Paramedics with advanced life support capabilities/ equipment	Same as Type III	EMTs (Recommend Paramedics)	None		
Special Tactical Capability	Insertion	Air mobile capabilities including FAST ROPE and rappel	Air mobile capabilities including FAST ROPE and rappel See Note 8	Rappel from structures only	None		
Special Tactical Capability	Specialty Vehicles	Command Post Vehicle, APC, ATV, Boats, Armored Response Vehicle See Note 9	None	None	None		

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<b>COMMENTS:</b>	<p><b>Note 1:</b> The Tactical Unit within a department is comprised of multiple officers, teams or elements and led by a commander and/or supervisor.</p> <p><b>Note 2:</b> The Tactical Team is an operational entity comprised of multiple tactical elements, special capabilities and officers assembled for a mission. Tactical teams may be as a result of mutual aid in order to provide a regional capability.</p> <p><b>Note 3:</b> The Tactical Element is two or more tactical operators with an assigned mission or function within a team. NIMS tactical team elements are generally 5 tactical operators unless otherwise specified. Tactical Element Equipment includes:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Protective Clothing: Tactical Body Armor (helmet, eye and ear protection, fire resistant gloves &amp; hood) suitable for SWAT operations</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Weapons: Handguns and shoulder fired weapon suitable for SWAT operations</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Respiratory Protection: Protective mask with spare filters suitable for SWAT operations</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Breaching Equipment: Mechanical Breaching Equipment</p> <p><b>Note 4:</b> Bomb Team as defined in NIMS, qualified within their department to support tactical operations</p> <p><b>Note 5:</b> Training includes Tactical Emergency Medic Support (TEMS).</p> <p><b>Note 6:</b> Minimum amount of breathing apparatuses to outfit an entry team (see SCBA below)</p> <p><b>Note 7:</b> Tactical Unit, Teams and Elements as defined in NIMS must be qualified within their department in the stated special tactics capabilities and equipment used to conduct tactical operations in high risk situation.</p> <p><b>Note 8:</b> FAST ROPE may only apply to metropolitan/urban areas or jurisdictions with available air mobility.</p> <p><b>Note 9:</b> May only apply to areas with critical waterway or coastal areas.</p> <p><b>Definitions:</b></p> <p>APC Armored Personnel Carrier</p> <p>APR Air Purifying Respirator</p> <p>ATV All Terrain Vehicle</p> <p>EMT Emergency Medical Technician</p> <p>Level B PPE Non-encapsulated or encapsulated chemical resistant suit with SCBA</p> <p>Level C PPE Non-encapsulated chemical resistant suit with APR</p> <p>PPE Personal Protective Equipment</p> <p>SCBA Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (may include re-breathers and or other hybrid type SCBAs suitable for SWAT operations)</p> <p>Special Tactics Capabilities Tactical Units, teams or elements with an assigned specialty mission such as observer / marksman, breaching, bomb technician support, hostage negotiations. Special Tactics Capabilities can exist within an element, team or unit based on the specific skills and qualifications of operators. Special Capabilities can also be gained by mutual aid from other jurisdictions or agencies with the capability to provide assistance in reasonable time.</p> <p>SWAT Special Weapons and Tactics</p> <p>Tactical Officer Sworn officers qualified within their department to conduct tactical operations in high risk situations.</p>					