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3.09.000 Unit Coordination

3.09.005 Barricaded Suspect and Hostage Situation - Public

PURPOSE

To advise all personnel of the policies and procedures governing incidents involving barricaded suspects and incidents where hostages have been taken.

POLICY

The policy of the Anchorage Police Department is to ensure the preservation of human life and the public safety. For this reason, it is imperative that personnel involved in the handling of barricaded subjects or incidents of hostage-taking are aware of procedures that will aid in bringing such incidents to a successful conclusion in the safest manner possible.

DISCUSSION

Any critical incident, but especially one involving the barricading of an armed and dangerous subject and/or the taking of hostages, requires collective effort drawing on all available resources of the Department and related agencies. History has demonstrated repeatedly that the taking of reasonable time and the using of the resources at hand to deal with such incidents most often results in concluding the incident without harm to any of the parties involved, be it hostages, officers or suspects.

It is essential that personnel do not engage in independent action unless forced to do so by circumstances; individual initiative in these situations quite often results in injury or death, whereas collective action generally will not.

PROCEDURE

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