

**LITTLE ROCK POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDER**

<b>G. O. 317 ACTIVE AGGRESSOR INCIDENTS</b>
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**I. General**

- A. The purpose of this Order is to provide immediate response procedures for Little Rock Police Officers to stop suspect(s) who pose a threat to human life.
  
- B. To provide guidance to supervisors and personnel in order to maintain order and restore a safe environment. First responders should make every effort to;
  - 1. Isolate, distract and neutralize the threat,
  - 2. Rescue and evacuate innocent persons, and,
  - 3. Apprehend the suspect(s).

**II. Definitions**

- A. An Active Aggressor is defined as one or more subjects who participate in a random or systematic homicidal spree by demonstrating their intent to continuously harm others. The subject's overriding objective appears to be mass murder rather than other criminal conduct such as robbery, kidnapping, etc. This definition includes any assault with a deadly weapon capable of causing mass homicide such as explosive devices, a knife, etc.
  
- B. Contact Team is a team of officers whose primary objective is to locate the active aggressor and isolate, distract and neutralize him/her.
  
- C. Rescue Groups is a team of secondary responders whose purpose is to locate and assist the casualties of the assault and establish a Casualty Collection Point for responding medical personnel.
  
- D. Casualty Collection Point (CCP) is a room capable of holding all victims with injuries that require medical attention. A series of rooms next to each other may be used if the casualties exceed available space. The CCP is established to assist responding medical personnel with triaging, treating, and transporting injured victims.
  
- E. Triage Grouping:
  - 1. RED: Immediate lifesaving care is needed. Patients are unable to move under their own power.
  
  - 2. GREEN: Care can be delayed. Patient can move under their own power and have minor injuries

3. BLACK: Deceased. The patient has a wound incompatible with sustaining life.

### III. Procedures

#### A. Responsibilities of Responding Units

1. First Responders (Contact Teams) on the scene will;
  - a) Verbally check in with the Communications Center and establish a primary radio channel for entry personnel.
  - b) Determine if an incident is in progress.
  - c) Assess the situation, and determine the most appropriate course of police action geared toward the location of the threat.
  - d) Notify additional units and the SWAT Unit if necessary.
  - e) Immediately contact his/her supervisor.
  - f) Select appropriate entry points for the primary entry officer(s) and advise responding units of safe approach routes.
  - g) Officers will form contact teams while entering the involved structure with the overall objective to isolate, distract, and neutralize the aggressor. Preventing the suspect(s) from committing further acts of harm to human life is the primary concern of the contact team. Any SWAT Unit officers who respond will assume roles on contact teams and/or rescue teams that are best suited for their specialized training and equipment.
  - h) While moving through the structure, officers should identify and communicate locations of victims needing medical attention and locations of any suspected explosive devices to secondary responding officers and Communications. They should also continually update their location and location of the threat, if known.
  - i) If practical and absent continued shooting, officers should treat any massive hemorrhaging that may result in the immediate loss of life.
  - j) If not in uniform, officers will wear an outer garment that identifies them as a police officer.
  - k) Multiple contact teams may be deployed, depending on the scope of the incident. Their deployment will be communicated and coordinated with the other teams, to prevent incidents of friendly fire.
2. Secondary Responders (**Rescue Groups**) on the scene will:
  - a) Enter the structure utilizing Contact Team tactics.

- b) Be directed to victims' locations by the Contact Team(s) or by the Incident Command, if established.
- c) Direct victims to safety by utilizing either shelter-in-place or evacuation; if evacuating, direct the victims to an established exit point.
- d) Assistance to victims may not be immediately possible, if the suspect(s) has not been contained.
- e) Establish a Casualty Collection Point (CCP) for injured victims. Little Rock Fire Department and MEMS personnel may be utilized in rescue efforts and treating of injured victims.
- f) Maintain security for the CCP and other cleared areas of the structure.
- g) Leave fatalities in place for crime scene preservation.

B. Transition to a Hostage or Barricaded Suspect Incident

- 1. If the incident turns into a hostage or barricaded suspect situation, the SWAT Unit and Crisis Negotiations Team will be notified and respond.
- 2. Until the SWAT Unit assumes control of the incident, the responding officers should:
  - a) Contain the incident by preventing movement of the suspect(s).
  - b) Evacuate innocents from the immediate area.
  - c) Communicate an update of the situation to the Command Post.
  - d) Create an Immediate Action Plan in the event the suspect begins killing victims, surrenders, releases the hostages, or creates any other situation that requires immediate response by officers.

C. Incident Command.

- 1. The first officer on scene, who is not part of a contact team, shall be the Incident Commander, until relieved by higher authority. Nothing precludes the initial responding supervisor from deploying as part of a contact team. An Incident Command Post will be established (per G.O. 308 & 312), and may be expanded to create a Unified Incident Command, that will incorporate other responding entities. Multiple personnel may be needed in the Command Post to monitor secondary radio channels, coordinate with the Communications Center and other responding entities, request additional resources, etc.
- 2. Continually monitor the incident and evaluate the need to deploy additional contact teams or rescue *groups*. Rescue *groups* will be deployed as soon as possible ("area that is cleared, but not secure") to facilitate treatment of injured and minimize the loss of life. These efforts will be coordinated with Little Rock Fire Department and MEMS personnel. Additional personnel will be deployed to establish a secure inner perimeter around the target structure.

3. Ensure notifications have been made to the on-duty Shift Commander, appropriate Division Commander, Major Crimes Division personnel, CSSU and Public Affairs.
4. Establish an evacuation area for non-injured victims, with the assistance of the location officials. Depending on the scope of the incident, off-site locations may need to be considered, and transportation resources may need to be coordinated with outside entities (i.e. Rock Region Metro). Any persons who can supply pertinent information concerning the incident will also be identified and secured. A media location will also be coordinated with Public Affairs. It will be the duty of the Public Affairs Office to communicate to local media outlets for public awareness and safety.
5. Upon conclusion of the incident, if deployed, the SWAT Unit will perform a final clearing of the building to account for all persons and locate and mark any weapons, explosives or dangers. These efforts will be coordinated with the Little Rock Fire Department Bomb Squad, if needed. In the absence of the SWAT Unit, the Incident Commander will direct a thorough search and the entire structure to ensure that all persons are accounted for and that all weapons and/or booby traps are located, disabled and removed from the premises.

D. Communications Center Procedures

1. The radio channel held by the first officer(s) on scene will be restricted for communication between deployed officers and the Command Post. All other incident related radio traffic will be on a secondary radio channel.

**IV. Annual Review**

- A. The Homeland Security Advisor, or his/her designee, will document an annual review of policy and training needs.

Additions and revisions are italicized and underlined.