




**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
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DPS DEPUTY SECRETARY-OPERATIONS

TO: ALL STATE POLICE COMMISSIONED PERSONNEL

**SUBJECT: DIRECTIVE 2023-01
SPECIALTY TEAMS**

Effective April 29, 2023, commissioned officers and sergeants will no longer be permitted to apply for or remain as a member of two department specialty teams, whether full-time or part-time, at any given time. There have been recent concerns, that there is not enough coverage during the 24-hour shift at any given time, and bureaus are left short-handed from responsibilities of specialty team assignments and missions. This directive will help address those concerns to ensure proper coverage around the state. For purposes of this directive, specialty teams are those specifically identified as the following:

1. Aircraft Section
2. Crash Reconstruction Team
3. Crisis Negotiations Team
4. Dive Team
5. Emergency Response Team
6. Explosive Ordinance Disposal
7. Honor Guard Team
8. Motors Team
9. Tactical Team
10. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Team

For clarification, a couple of examples are being provided.

Example 1. If an officer/sergeant is part of the full-time tactical team, the officer/sergeant is NOT eligible to test for the Honor Guard team part-time or any other specialty unit identified above.

Example 2. If an officer/sergeant is on the Crash Reconstruction team part-time, the officer/sergeant is NOT eligible to test for Unmanned Aerial Vehicle team part-time or any other specialty unit identified above.

All officers and sergeants who are currently on two specialty teams shall resign from one of their respective specialty teams prior to April 28, 2023. Your attention to this directive is expected and appreciated.

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