

HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT

POLICY LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATIONS

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Policy Number 4.48

BARRICADE, HOSTAGE, AND SNIPER INCIDENTS

POLICY

Barricade, hostage, and sniper incidents shall be dealt with in accordance with this directive.

PROCEDURE

I. DEFINITIONS

- A. Barricade incident: The unlawful denial of access to an area by an individual who threatens harm to his or her person or those seeking entry.
- B. Hostage incident: The unlawful restraint of a person under threat of death or serious injury.
- C. Sniper incident: The unlawful use of a firearm from a concealed position to threaten or endanger others.
- D. Inner perimeter: [REDACTED]
- E. Outer perimeter: [REDACTED]
- F. Temporary command post: The area established by patrol units [REDACTED]

- G. Permanent command post: The area established by the Specialized Services Division (SSD) [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- H. Negotiation area: The area established by the negotiator to conduct negotiation operations.
- I. Press area: The area established for the press that is safely away from police operations yet close enough that police liaison can be maintained.
- J. Situation monitoring center: The area established for departmental personnel [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
- K. Command console: The area established in the Communications Division to monitor activities.

II. MAJOR OPERATIONAL PRINCIPLES

- A. Preventing loss of life and serious injury shall be the primary consideration in all police actions.
- B. Negotiations shall be the primary method for handling barricade, hostage, and sniper incidents. Tactical intervention may be used if negotiations are unsuccessful or impractical.
- C. Barricade, hostage, and sniper incidents may involve several elements. The patrol divisions normally provide the initial response [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The SSD is primarily responsible for the incident from that point on.

All elements subject to participation in such incidents shall include the necessary instructions in their manuals of operations.
- D. Police personnel at incident sites should be limited to those who are needed and can be controlled effectively by the SSD commander.

E. [REDACTED]

F. [REDACTED] should
be relieved from their posts and sent out of the area.

G. [REDACTED]

1. [REDACTED]

2. [REDACTED]

H. Once the area is secured, [REDACTED]

I. The area immediately around the incident site should be evacuated, and vehicles should not be allowed to pass through any area that may be exposed to fire.

J. [REDACTED]

K. [REDACTED]

III. CHAIN OF COMMAND

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- A. The commander for an incident shall be (in descending order): the major, captain, or lieutenant of the SSD. Once the permanent command post has been established, command may be assumed by the Regional Patrol Bureau chief operating from the situation monitoring center or command console.
- B. The chain of command for the investigation of offenses that occur in the course of barricade, hostage, or sniper incidents shall follow Policy 4.29, CRIME SCENE: INVESTIGATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES.

IV. PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING INCIDENTS

For planning purposes, barricade, hostage, and sniper incidents involve locating the site of the incident and setting in motion the procedures required to deal with the situation. They may also involve movement away from the initial incident site and establishment of another fixed site.

A. Initial Report of Incident

When an incident is reported, the Communications Division shall:

1. Obtain all necessary information about the incident, as outlined in the divisional manual of operations;
2. [REDACTED]
3. Direct all other personnel not to enter the outer and inner perimeters of the incident site;

4. Immediately notify the commander of the SSD and the Criminal Investigation Division's (CID) negotiators, informing them that an incident governed by this directive may be in progress.

[REDACTED]

- 5.

[REDACTED]

- 6.

[REDACTED]

7. Initiate a running log.

B. First Officers at the Scene

- 1.

[REDACTED]

2. The sector sergeant and/or field lieutenant shall:

- a.

[REDACTED]

- b.

[REDACTED]

- c. Obtain additional information with which to evaluate the situation; and

- d.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

C. Containing the Incident

1. Patrol units shall [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
2. The ranking patrol officer at the scene shall inform the Communications Division [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
3. The district commander or a designee shall [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
4. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
5. CID Negotiators
 - a. Members of the negotiating team shall [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 - b. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
 - c. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
6. The district commander or designee shall determine the need for sheltering persons who are evacuated from the incident area and arrange for the provision of such shelter. The arrangements shall be made through the department's Civil Defense coordinator.

V. ASSISTANCE AGREEMENTS

A. Military Bases

1. The Honolulu Police Department (HPD) has agreed to assist in barricade, hostage, and sniper incidents on specified military installations (see the attachment).
2. When notified of such an incident, the Communications Division will follow the procedures specified in section IV of this directive.
3. The first officers at the scene shall meet with the military liaison and [REDACTED]
4. All participating HPD personnel shall be guided by the memorandum of agreement governing the specific branch of the military that they are assisting.

B. Special Services Division, Department of Public Safety (DPS)

1. By memorandum of understanding, the HPD has agreed to assist the Special Services Division, DPS, in barricade, hostage, and sniper incidents that occur in the courts and in the service of warrants.
2. When notified, the Communications Division shall follow the procedures specified in section IV of this order.
3. The first officers at the scene shall meet with representatives of the DPS, who should have secured the scene. These officers shall determine the need for SSD personnel and make any request for them.
4. [REDACTED]

VI. REVIEW OF PROCEDURES

Each time an incident occurs, the Chief of Police may appoint an ad hoc committee to review this directive, all supplementary procedures, and the handling of the incident. A written report of the committee's findings and recommendations shall be submitted to the Chief of Police within 30 days of a major incident and 7 days of a minor incident.

The committee chairman shall inform the Information Technology Division each time that a review is completed.

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Chief of Police

Attachment

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MILITARY BASES AND PUBLIC QUARTERS COVERED BY AGREEMENTS

District 2

[REDACTED]

District 3

1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

3.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

District 5

1.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

2.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

District 8

1.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

2.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]