

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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S.W.A.T. – Activation, Notification and Response	Date: November 14, 2019
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I. POLICY

It is the policy of the Charlottesville Police Department to utilize a text message paging system for SWAT Team activation. To accomplish this, ECC will send standardized, accurate and specific information via the department issued cell phones. A numeric backup may be utilized in addition to the text message.

It is the policy of the Charlottesville Police Department to provide specific and timely information to SWAT officers in the event of team activation to provide for personal/family notifications when possible to allow for proper response modes.

It is the policy of the Charlottesville Police Department to provide the above information in order for the SWAT Team to respond to a location in as timely, safe and efficient manner as possible.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to have specified messages entered into the SWAT Team member’s cell phones as to the type of response required for activation, and to specify expected times for fully operational status of the SWAT Team.

A limited number of the enclosed City of Charlottesville Police Department General Orders have been redacted. The redactions ensure that that Police Department’s operational and tactical responses are withheld for community and Officer Safety (e.g., bank alarm response, response to an active threat, and Tactical Operations).