

RESCUE TASK FORCE

LAW ENFORCEMENT BRIEF

- Explain theory behind the Rescue Task Force.
- Rescue Task Force operates in the (WARM ZONE)
- Tactics differ between hot zone and warm zone. (Explain difference)
- Rescue task force teams will be established after entry teams have gone into the structure and either neutralized or contained the shooter.
 - 98% of active shooter incidents have been one actor.
 - 2% of active shooter incidents have been more than one shooter, but they usually stay together.
 - Responding Officer, EMS or Firefighter arriving after the first responding officers will assume the role of Incident Command. This same person will also be the RTF Commander until delegated to another person.
 - Teams usually consist of two to three officers, and two to three medics.
 - There will be a plug team (RTF team 1) and a pull team (RTF team 2). More teams can be established depending on number of wounded and size of structure. Plug teams can become pull teams.
 - RTF entry teams will communicate their movements to the Incident Commander, or to the RTF Commander (If established).
 - The Primary entry team that neutralized or contained the shooter(s) should relay information about where the wounded are located.
 - RTF teams do not check every door, their job is to get to the known wounded as quickly as possible. A more complete search will be performed later.
 - Wounded will be taken to the Casualty Collection Point (CCP) by the pull team. More than one CCP can be established at the same incident. Police only provide cover for EMS.
 - The only job of Law Enforcement is to provide security and escort the teams in and out of the warm areas. The officers on the RTF teams DO NOT communicate to anyone about victims. EMS has that sole responsibility.
 - Over watch/security needs to be established at the CCP by law enforcement. Their only job is to maintain security of the CCP.
 - Radio communications are the NUMBER ONE issue with any disaster event. Limit your radio traffic. Only communicate what needs to be communicated.