

Beatrice S.W.A.T.

The Beatrice S.W.A.T. (Special Weapons and Tactics) Team is a unit formed in the mid 1980's to respond to high-risk incidents. The unit is made up of Beatrice Police Department personnel and Beatrice Fire and Rescue personnel. The S.W.A.T. Team is tasked with resolving hostage situations, barricaded subjects, the service of high-risk search and arrest warrants, or any incident requiring high-risk police tactics.

The S.W.A.T. conducted training monthly in the following areas:

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| Weapon Retention & Active Countermeasures | Low Light Searches |
| Dynamic Entry Drills | Firearms – Live Fire Shoot |
| Slow Deliberate Searches | Vehicle Assaults |
| 3 Gun Challenge | Search Exercise with Simunitions |
| Firearms Training | Containment, Open Air Assaults |

Team Member Information

Team Commander: Sergeant Jay Murphy

Team Leaders: Sergeant Wesley Henning & Sergeant Brian Carver

Team Members

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| Officer Robert Mierau | Officer Anthony Chisano | Officer Colleen Morabito |
| Officer Joe McCormick | Officer Robert Soldo | Officer Zachary Lauenstein |
| Officer Shane Maloley | Officer Daniel Moss | Officer Thomas Oelschlager |
| Paramedic Jim Young | Captain Craig Fisher | Paramedic Jeremy Seggerman |

Negotiations Team Commander: Captain Jerry Lamkin

Negotiations Team Leader: Officer Zac Lauenstein

Negotiations Team Members: Officer Erin Byrne & Officer Colleen Morabito

The S.W.A.T. team was activated 4 times last year.

- January 17th: The team was activated in the assistance of S.E.A.D.E.'s investigation into drug dealing in the city. This activation resulted in multiple arrests that day.
- September 17th: The team was activated on a “mock” call out. The team commander and leaders were aware of the exercise where a suspect was barricaded in a home with a hostage. Other team members were not aware of the call being an exercise. The team commander and leaders were able to evaluate the team's performance in a real life situation.
- November 3rd: The team was deployed to search for a suspect in a felony assault that occurred just days prior. This deployment resulted in the arrest of the suspect.
- December 20th: The team was activated to help served a search warrant, looking for a suspect with a short shotgun. The suspect was ultimately located and arrested along with others.