



CITY OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



Special Events Team Specialty Teams

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this standard operating procedure (SOP) is to establish guidelines for the Madison Police Department (MPD) Special Events Team (SET) Specialty Teams' functions and responsibilities outside of crowd event activations. SET Specialty Team crowd event activation details are available in the MPD Demonstrations and Assemblies SOP. The SET Specialty Teams include the following specialty teams: Bike Team, Community Dialogue Team (CDT), Advanced Security and Protection Team (ASP), Field Extrication Team (FXT), Grenadiers, Logistics, and Medics.

DEFINITIONS

SET Bike Team: The SET Bike Team, under the direct command of the MPD SET, provides a more nimble transportation and response option for SET personnel beyond the range and capabilities of on-foot SET personnel. SET Bike Team members have specialized training and skills to use police bikes to perform crowd engagement and management duties.

SET Community Dialogue Team (CDT): The SET Community Dialogue Team (CDT), under the direct command of the MPD SET, exists to provide informational and educational opportunities about event and demonstration activities. SET CDT members may be designated to serve as Demonstration/Event Liaisons when feasible.

SET Advanced Security & Protection Team (ASP): The SET Advanced Security and Protection Team (ASP), under the direct command of the MPD SET, exists to conduct site and security assessments to enhance the safety of venues and events with elevated risks, and provides proactive protective services to address complex security needs. ASP members receive specialized training in skills related to close personal protections, site and security assessments, and protective surveillance and counter-surveillance. ASP members prepare to serve in both uniformed and plainclothes official capacities.

SET Field Extrication Team (FXT): The SET Field Extrication Team (FXT), under the direct command of the MPD SET, exists to better respond to protest events with an internal resource. SET FXT members have specialized training and skills to extricate persons from protest devices when demonstrators' actions and/or practices unreasonably impede traffic, restrict the public's freedom of movement, and/or jeopardize public safety.

SET Grenadiers: The SET Grenadier position, under the direct command of the MPD SET, exists to enhance the capabilities of SET. The SET Grenadier team members have specialized training, equipment, and skills in the use of chemical (CS) and oleoresin capsicum (OC or Pepper Spray) munitions, sprays, or aerosols, and in the deployment of impact munitions.

SET Logistics: The SET Logistics Team, under the direct command of the MPD SET, is responsible for the organization, standard guidelines, and maintenance of SET's physical assets. SET Logistics Team members ensure that needed SET assets are deployed and available for any given SET activation, and that the assets are properly stored at the conclusion of any activation.

SET Medics: The SET Medic position, under the direct command of the MPD SET, exists to better respond to protest and crowd events with an internal resource. The SET Medics have specialized training and skills to provide immediate emergency medical care to officers and to community members within an austere environment.

SET SPECIALTY TEAM PERSONNEL

SET Commanders will designate a primary SET command structure (sergeant(s), lieutenant, and captain) to supervise the overall operation of each SET Specialty Team.

When any SET Specialty Team needs to add new members, that team's primary commanders will select new members from eligible SET members through a process determined by SET commanders. The SET Medics and SET Grenadiers should maintain a number of team members sufficient to staff each SET platoon with at least two (2) SET Medics and two (2) SET Grenadiers. SET members can serve on more than one SET Specialty Team; however, given the equipment needs of SET Medics and SET Grenadiers, SET members will not be allowed to maintain simultaneous assignment to the SET Medics team and to the SET Grenadiers team.

TRAINING/STANDARDS

All members of any SET Specialty Team shall attend all full-team and specialty team trainings scheduled throughout the year unless excused by a SET commander or designee. Membership on any SET Specialty Team is a privilege and specialty team members shall remain dedicated to serving in their specialty role(s), shall remain committed to maintaining the core competencies of their specialty team assignment(s), and shall be physically able to perform the necessary tasks associated with their specialty team assignment(s). SET Specialty Team members shall also demonstrate the proper use and handling of all equipment and must be able to use their team's assigned equipment safely. Records of all trainings and activities shall be maintained in the participating officers' personnel file and SET commanders shall designate a SET supervisor or senior member of each SET Specialty Team to forward to MPD Training the records related to any training. Each SET Specialty Team further employs the following training and standards guidelines for each team:

- **SET BIKE TEAM:** The SET Bike Team trains biannually. SET Bike Team members must also take an International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) certification training, MPD Bike Training, or equivalent as soon as practicable after selection to the SET Bike Team if not already certified before selection.
- **SET COMMUNITY DIALOGUE TEAM:** The SET CDT convenes biannually, with at least one of these two sessions open to community attendance and participation.
- **SET ADVANCED SECURITY AND PROTECTION TEAM:** The SET ASP trains quarterly.
- **SET FXT:** The SET FXT trains quarterly. New SET FXT members will be sent to Field Force Extrication Tactics training as soon as practicable after selection to the SET FXT.
- **SET GRENADIERS:** The SET Grenadiers train biannually.
- **SET LOGISTICS:** The SET Logistics team convenes as a group when needed to coordinate details related to any new equipment acquisitions, storage location adjustments, or other logistical considerations.
- **SET MEDICS:** The SET Medics train quarterly. SET Medics shall maintain any required certifications or licenses as determined by the SET commander(s). SET Medics shall follow appropriate protocol for treatment as established by the following authorities: the State of Wisconsin Department of Justice Law Enforcement Standards Board for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care and the directions, trainings, and protocol as ordered by the Medical Director of the Madison Police Department.

SET SPECIALTY TEAM DEPLOYMENT

SET Specialty Team(s) will be deployed to crowd events pursuant to the provisions of the MPD Demonstrations and Assemblies SOP.

MPD members shall use the following guidance when evaluating any request to employ the use of the following SET Specialty Teams within the City of Madison jurisdiction:

- **SET Bike Team:** At the request and/or with approval of a supervisor, SET Bike Team members may utilize MPD police bikes to respond to calls for service and as a mode of transportation during their work shift. Officers should have a City of Madison Police vehicle equipped with a bike rack accessible (i.e., available at a district station, parked near a deployment) when utilizing bikes as an alternate mode of transportation during their shift. SET Bike Team members should deploy in numbers no fewer than at least two (2) Bike Team members for any deployment on bikes.
- **SET CDT:** SET CDT members if available should assist the SET Commander or SET Supervisor who has been selected to serve as Demonstration/Event Liaisons. Having a single Commander or Supervisor identified as the point of contact for event organizers is best practice. SET CDT members can assist this commander as needed.
- **SET ASP:** SET ASP members may be deployed to provide support when there is an event that carries an elevated security risk. This may include, but is not limited to, events involving visiting dignitaries or other high-profile individuals. Members may also be tasked with conducting site security assessments, including residential assessments, as directed. Any request for the use of ASP should be made to a SET commander.
- **SET FXT:** SET FXT members should not carry FXT equipment outside of SET deployments or during the course of their regular duties unless authorized by a SET commander or designee. In the event that patrol personnel respond to an incident where a protest device is being used, officers on scene should notify a street supervisor and/or the Officer in Charge (OIC) that a protest device is being used. The OIC should then notify a SET commander to determine if the SET FXT should be activated. The SET FXT may be utilized for situations outside of a SET deployment under specific requests with the approval of a SET commander or designee and with the authorization of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.
- **SET Grenadiers:** SET Grenadiers should not carry Grenadier equipment outside of SET deployments or during the course of their regular duties unless authorized by a SET commander or designee. In exigent circumstances, SET Grenadiers may deploy specialized grenadier equipment without the permission of a supervisor, but shall inform a SET commander as soon as practicable. Upon deployment of chemical, OC, or impact munitions by SET Grenadiers, available SET members should assist with decontamination and medical treatment of those affected, unless circumstances specifically prohibit rendering such assistance.
- **SET Logistics:** SET Logistics Team members may deploy SET vehicle assets (minivans, Utility Terrain Vehicles (UTVs)) outside of a SET deployment under specific requests with the approval of a SET commander.
- **SET Medics:** At the request of a supervisor, or at their own discretion, SET Medics may deploy to a call for service involving mass casualties or to a clear need for emergency medical care coverage. SET Medics may also respond to an emergent tactical call where there is a potential for injury to officers or others, but to which Madison Fire Department Tactical Emergency Medical Services (MFD TEMS) personnel have not yet arrived. In the event of such a deployment, the SET Medic shall notify SET command and/or the Officer in Charge (OIC) as soon as practicable.

SET Medics may keep their SET-issued specialized medical equipment with their regular work equipment for this purpose.

- Deployment of SET Medics on SET Bike Team:
 - SET Medics who deploy with the SET Bike Team for any assignment shall carry their medical gear with them on bike.
- Deployment of SET Medics to SET Field Extrication Team extrications:
 - At least one SET Medic should be present during any extrication. A SET Medic, the FXT supervisor, or designee shall request a Madison Fire Department ambulance to be on standby in a reasonable staging location to the extrication.

MUTUAL AID

SET Specialty Teams may be deployed pursuant to a mutual aid request from another agency for the particular team's specialty with the approval of a SET commander and with the authorization of the Chief of Police or Chief's designee. In any mutual aid deployment, SET Specialty Team members shall always abide by the MPD Code of Conduct, MPD SOPs generally, and the SET Specialty Team's training and standards.

EQUIPMENT

Each SET Specialty Team shall maintain an inventory of all equipment and supplies assigned to that team and each team's equipment and supplies shall be used for official use only. Any equipment not functioning properly, damaged, or dysfunctional shall be taken out of service and shall not be used until repaired or replaced. Any SET Specialty Team munitions or supplies with identifiable expiration dates shall be used only in a training environment beyond the expiration date.

The Lieutenant of each SET Specialty Team shall submit an annual report documenting any use, maintenance, warranties, and repairs of the equipment assigned to that lieutenant's specialty team. These annual reports shall be submitted to the SET Lead Commander or designee.

SET Bike Team members shall conduct an inspection of their assigned bicycles and equipment prior to use to ensure proper working order of equipment. SET Bike Team members are responsible for the routine care and maintenance (i.e., tire pressure, chain lubrication, overall cleaning) of their assigned bike. If a needed repair is beyond the ability of the SET Bike Team member, an email should be sent to the PD SET Bike email group and the email should include a description of the issue and the location of the bicycle in need of repair. Each department-owned police bicycle will have an annual maintenance tune-up performed by members of the

SET Bike Team/MPD Bike Mechanics. Police bicycles requiring maintenance and/or repairs beyond the capabilities of the SET Bike Team members may be taken to a private bicycle repair shop with authorization from the SET Lead Commander.

SET CDT members shall perform an annual review of any printed—physical documents/brochures and online—informational/educational materials. SET CDT supervisors will also maintain a log of informational/educational sessions held throughout the course of the year.

SET ASP members should be prepared to operate in a plainclothes capacity. The team will designate soft uniform standards as well as apparatus to clearly identify plainclothes officers as police officers in the event of a critical incident.

SET FXT members shall perform a function check of all FXT equipment on a regular basis and the department shall provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for SET FXT members. SET FXT shall wear all appropriate PPE during deployments and trainings. During any extrication, SET FXT members shall provide any necessary PPE and take any reasonable precautions to ensure the safety of the arrested person, the public, and other officers.

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