

Section Four
TEAM ACTIVATION

A) Introduction

The Metro Lansing Special Operations Team (Metro Team) may become involved in critical incidents involving a chemical spill/release, weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or Technical Rescue in a number of ways:

- Alert, Consultation or deployment within the Metro response area.
- Direct contact from an adjoining county to provide assistance to a requesting jurisdiction or agency if existing mutual aid agreements exist.

1. Alert/Mobilization/Deployment

The Metro Lansing Special Operations Team may be placed on alert, mobilized, or deployed to provide assistance within a the Metro Area due to a potential or actual critical incident involving a Hazardous Chemical spill/release, weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or a Technical Rescue or if conditions may necessitate pre-deployment of assets to assist in crisis management activities due to a potential or credible threat..

2. Consultation

The Metro Team may be requested to provide technical advice on an incident/event involving chemical, biological, radiological, radiological, nuclear or explosive (CBRNE) devices, toxic industrial chemical (TIC) release/spill and/or technical rescue situations.

B) Requests for Assistance

1. Requesting Assistance of the Metro Lansing Special Operations Team

- a. Each Member Department is responsible for overall coordination of their development, maintenance and utilization of their Team Assets. During acts of terrorism or large scale incidents, the site specific incident commanders and their respective county emergency operations centers are organized to respond to and mitigate the consequences to incidents within their jurisdictions.
- b. Requests for assistance from the Metro Lansing Special Operations Team may be through an existing mutual aid agreement with jurisdictions outside of the Metro Area or from the Member Departments 911 center. The preferred method for requesting Metro Team assistance is through the members 911 Center to ensure proper coordination and utilization of the teams and to address competing demands of multiple affected jurisdictions.
- c. The local 911 centre shall contact the local emergency management coordinator to make notification of the activation

2. Activation

- a. Activation may be requested by any Member Department or subscriber through the members 911 center. In the event of activation each Member Department will be responsible to deploy the proper equipment and personnel.
- b. In the event that a full activation is not warranted the requesting member department shall notify the members 911 Center of the alternate level of service requested by to the incident commander.
 - 1) Technical assistance given via telephone by Member Department and no further assistance is needed.
 - 2) Personnel of a participating department is sent to the scene to offer technical assistance and aid the local incident commander and no further assistance is needed.
- c. Upon activation of the Metro Special Operations Team, the members 911 Center shall:
 - 1) Make notification per local department SOG/AOG's. The notification shall include type of request, staging location, the location of the incident and the event details.
- d. Jurisdictions or agencies requesting assistance from the Metro Lansing Special Operations Team shall initiate their request for assistance through the 911 Center by contacting via telephone or local communications system.
- e. Any request for pre-deployment of the Metro Lansing Special Operations Team or equipment to assist in an incident/event must be coordinated with the Member Fire Chief's.

C) Notification

Different levels of team activation are available, depending upon the magnitude of the incident and the specific type of incident.

1. Alert
 - a. An alert is intended only to apprise Team Coordinators of the potential or occurrence of an event and does not constitute a directive to begin any mobilization or deployment activities.
 - b. Each dispatch center must have written procedures for notifying team members.

- c. Each department/fire chief is responsible for having written jurisdictional policy and procedures for notification of team members, senior public officials, agency heads and the local emergency management program coordinator.

2. Mobilization

- a. The local Program Coordinator or designee is responsible for notifying the appropriate personnel all information related to the incident/event (when available), such as type of event, location, magnitude, weather conditions, potential length of mission, and specific resources needed.
- b. An order for mobilization of a Team is intended to have team members report to a rendezvous point as a group prior to deployment, and to await a determination on deployment or cancellation.
- c. Upon the occurrence of an incident involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD), toxic industrial chemicals, technical rescue or the announcement of a credible threat within the Metro Area, the designated Program Coordinator, in consultation with the Fire Chief, will determine the appropriate level of response.

D) Deployment

1. Pre-Incident

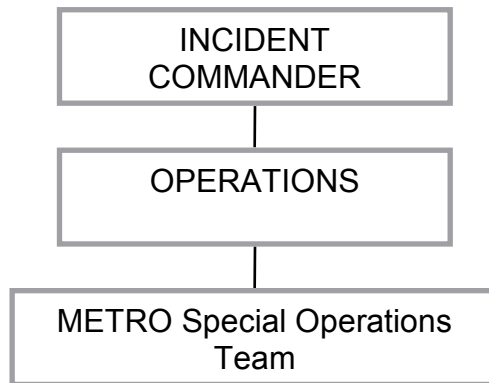
The response and assistance may include pre-deployment of assets to assist in crisis management activities due to an assessment of a credible threat. Pre-positioning of the team or equipment may be necessary and must be requested through the Participating Member Departments or the 911 Center. Initial deployment may be to the scene or to a designated staging area. Appropriate types of Team support to Crisis Management are the following:

- a. Support threat assessments and vulnerability analyses.
- b. Provide technical assistance
- c. Make recommendations on capabilities and requirements of additional resources.
- d. Coordinate medically related information requirements support.
- e. Identify contaminants, sample collection, and analysis support.
- f. Provide on-site safety, prevention, and specialized medical support activities.
- g. Identify subject matter expert support.
- h. Pre-position assets for special event with high threat propensity

2. Staging Locations

- 1). Identification of staging areas is important, particularly in the scenario of a disseminated event or multiple incident sites. Regional staging areas may be necessary particularly in a disseminated event or when a credible threat is believed to still exist. The Local Participating Member Department should identify and/or coordinate these staging areas.
- 2). Law enforcement officials must secure any staging area(s) to be utilized by the Team prior to their arrival. This should include the search for CBRNE devices.
- 3). The Team Leader is responsible for coordinating with the staging officer and the affected jurisdictions IC to determine how the team can optimally provide assistance.

- 4). Locations of designated staging areas should be treated as sensitive information since assets deployed to these areas may offer a secondary target to terrorists.
- b. On-Scene Deployment
- 1). In an isolated event with a functioning local EOC and ICS, the METRO Team will normally function within the ICS as an operational support function.



E) Cancellation

1. When an alert, mobilization, or deployment order has been issued, and subsequent information indicates that the Team capabilities are not needed, the Program Coordinator will issue a "Notice of Cancellation" order to the activated Member Team Program Coordinator and provide related information regarding the reason for the stand-down.
2. The department/fire chief is responsible is responsible for notifying senior public officials and agency heads as determined by jurisdictional policy and procedure.
3. Appropriate senior level officials and local emergency management coordinators from the affected jurisdiction(s), including the Incident Commander, should be immediately apprised of the cancellation notification.