

Section One

METRO LANSING SPECIAL OPERATIONS TEAM OVERVIEW AND MISSION

A) Purpose

The purpose of the Operations Plan & Standard Operating Guidelines is to outline the plan for operations, organization, activation, standard operating guidelines, training, equipment requirements and team formation and certification to ensure organized planning and efficient response to 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) Mission

The mission of the Metro Lansing Special Operations Team (Metro Team) is to rapidly respond to and/or assist jurisdictions in effectively addressing the consequences of an incident/event involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE), toxic industrial chemical release/spill, or a technical rescue operation in collaboration with and supported by local first responders. The response and assistance may include pre-deployment of assets to assist in crisis management activities due to a potential threat.

The Metro Lansing Special Operations Team is designed to support local emergency response systems, but is not intended to replace those system functions normally performed by the local first responders. Formal requests for assistance will flow through the local Incident Management System (IMS).

C) Metro Lansing Special Operations Functional Tasks

1. Assess

Assess any incident/event in support of a local Incident Commander (IC). The team will rapidly deploy to an incident/event with initial actions of conducting reconnaissance activities to assess the effects and increase the situational awareness of command. The assessment begins when the unit is notified. Team members will gather information pertaining to the situation. Upon arrival at the incident/event site, the Team Leader reports to the Incident Commander and initiates the unit's assessment of the situation. The assessments falls into two categories; general assessment and technical assessment.

2. Advise

Advising takes the results of the assessment and informs the local Incident Commander on the means and methods to minimize the impact of the incident/event.

3. Assist

The Team may assist by providing physical resources and personnel and/or performing operational tasks consistent with this Operational Plan.

D) Goals

The goals of the Metro Team is a standardized and interoperable response capability and structure based on common plans and procedures applying to an integrated team comprised of members from all Metro Lansing partners and jurisdictions.

E) Objectives

The objectives of the Metro Lansing Special Operations program are to maintain a team of qualified and trained individuals who can:

- Assist the local emergency services and emergency management officials with enhanced personnel, equipment and/or tactics.
- Provide relevant information on, assist, and/or conduct decontamination operations for first responders and the public.
- Provide information on, assist, and/or conduct medical management operations including triage, treatment, decontamination, transportation, and hospital support.
- Provide logistical support including procurement, distribution, maintenance, and replacement of equipment and personnel.
- Operate in an environment that may contain TIC or CBRNE materials/agents and other hazards created by natural or manmade events.
- Conduct scene reconnaissance, identify, and, in some cases, quantify the presence of CBRNE materials/agents, and advise the incident commander on protective actions.
- Assist and/or implement victim rescue/extraction.
- Provide information on, assist and/or conduct decontamination operations.
- Provide equipment, expertise, and a coordinated communications capability with individual team members and with the incident commander.
- Assist with incident management activities at incident/events in support of the local Incident Commander, EOC or ECC.

C) Authority

The authority creating, and allowing for, the cooperative operation of the Metro Lansing Special Response Team is outlined in the Joint Powers Agreement signed by the City of Lansing, City of East Lansing, Charter Township of Delta and the Charter Township of Meridian April 2, 2003.