



CITY OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT  
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



Special Events Team Grenadiers

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## PURPOSE

The Grenadier position, under the direct command of the Special Events Team (SET), was created to enhance the capabilities of SET. The team has the specialized training, equipment and skills in the use of chemical (CS) and oleoresin capsicum (OC or Pepper Spray) munitions, sprays or aerosols, and the [deployment of impact munitions](#).

## MISSION

We strive to balance the rights of demonstrators to peacefully gather, demonstrate and air grievances with the rights of the community at large. We will, if feasible, attempt reasonable de-escalation of any situation, attempt to gain voluntary compliance first, and use chemical or OC munitions, or direct impact munitions, as a last resort except under exigent circumstances.

**PROCEDURE:** THE PROCEDURES BELOW APPLY ONLY WHEN A DESIGNATED GRENADIER HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO AN ACTIVE SET EVENT.

1. Grenadiers will remain equipped with only standard SET attire and equipment unless specifically directed by a SET supervisor or commander, or such directions as given by the Command Post (CP).
2. Grenadiers may carry one MK9 OC canister during routine SET deployments if they have completed the necessary MK9 training.
3. Should the potential for deployment of Chemical or OC Munitions become likely, other than the use of a MK9 OC, SET members will attempt to give verbal commands or warnings regarding the eminent deployment of Chemical or OC munitions, sprays or aerosols. No prior warning is required, but is encouraged, to gain voluntary compliance.
4. Direct Impact munitions will be deployed in a manner consistent with MPD SOPs regarding their use. Impact munitions should only be deployed under the authorization of a SET supervisor, commander or CP, unless exigent circumstances exist.
5. Upon deployment of chemical, OC or impact munitions, SET will remain committed to all decontamination and medical assistance expectations regarding their use, unless circumstances specifically prohibit.

## PERSONNEL

SET Command will designate one SET Lieutenant to supervise the overall operation of the SET Grenadiers. In addition, one current SET Sergeant shall be designated as the immediate supervisor for SET Grenadiers when they are specifically serving in that capacity. Grenadiers shall be selected from eligible SET members through a process determined by the SET commander or their designee. All Grenadiers serve at the discretion of the SET commander or their designee.

## TRAINING/STANDARDS

All Grenadiers shall attend all Grenadier mandated trainings unless excused by a SET commander or their designee. Membership on this team is a privilege. Grenadiers shall remain dedicated to serving in this role, committed to maintaining the core competencies, and be physically able to perform the necessary tasks. Grenadiers shall demonstrate the proper use of

all equipment and must be able to use the equipment safely. Records of all trainings and activities shall be maintained in the officer's personnel file. The SET commander shall designate a SET supervisor or SET Commander to maintain and update training records.

## **EQUIPMENT**

The Grenadier Lieutenant shall maintain an inventory of all equipment, munitions and supplies. Grenadier 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 not used until repaired or replaced. Any munitions or supplies that have surpassed an identifiable expiration date shall be used only in a training environment.

The Grenadier Lieutenant shall submit an annual report documenting usage, maintenance, warranties and repairs of Grenadier equipment to the SET commander or their designee.

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 their designee.

SET Grenadiers will inspect their individually assigned equipment and supplies on a biannual basis.

## **SAFETY EQUIPMENT**

The department shall provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for Grenadiers who shall wear all appropriate PPE during deployments and trainings.

## **MEDICAL**

Upon deployment of chemical, OC or impact munitions, SET will remain committed to all decontamination and medical assistance expectations regarding their use, unless circumstances specifically prohibit.

## **GRENADIER ACTIVATION**

Grenadiers should be prepared to assume their roll during any SET deployment. Grenadiers may be requested by a SET supervisor, commander or CP to make ready any Grenadier equipment, munitions, sprays or aerosols at their disposal. If, at any time, the SET squad or Platoon a Grenadier is assigned to, is asked to don their hard protective gear, the Grenadier should also equip themselves with their individually assigned Grenadier equipment, or munitions.

## **DOCUMENTATION**

SET Grenadiers shall complete an official MPD report regarding any use of force during the course of their duties. In addition, Any SET supervisor, commander or CP personnel directing the use of force shall also complete an official MPD report

## **MUTUAL AID**

A Grenadier may be deployed pursuant to a mutual aid request from another agency with the approval of SET commander or their designee and with the authorization of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee. In any mutual aid deployment, Grenadiers shall always abide by the MPD Code of Conduct, MPD SOPs generally, and their Grenadier training.

## **NON-SET USAGE**

Grenadiers may be utilized for situations outside of a SET deployment under specific requests with the approval of SET commander or their designee and with the authorization of the Chief of Police or the Chief's designee.