



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 Madison Police Department (MPD) Special Events Team (SET), was created to enhance the capabilities of SET. The SET Grenadier 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 in 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, will attempt to gain voluntary compliance first, and will 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. SET 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. SET Grenadiers may carry one MK9 OC canister during routine SET deployments.
3. Should the potential for deployment of chemical or OC munitions other than the use of a MK9 OC become likely, 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 warnings are encouraged, to gain voluntary compliance.
4. Direct impact munitions will be deployed in a manner consistent with MPD standard operating procedures (SOPs) regarding their use. Impact munitions should only be deployed under the authorization of a SET supervisor, a commander, or CP personnel, unless exigent circumstances exist.
5. Upon deployment of chemical, OC, or impact munitions, SET members will remain committed to all decontamination and medical assistance expectations regarding their use, unless circumstances specifically prohibit.

PERSONNEL

SET Commanders 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. SET Grenadiers shall be selected from eligible SET members through a process determined by SET commanders or their designee. All SET Grenadiers serve at the discretion of the SET commanders or their designee.

TRAINING/STANDARDS

All SET Grenadiers shall attend all SET Grenadier mandated trainings unless excused by a SET commander or their designee. Membership on this team is a privilege. SET Grenadiers shall remain dedicated to serving in this role, committed to maintaining the core competencies, and be physically able to perform the necessary tasks. SET 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 commanders shall designate a SET supervisor or SET Commander to maintain and update training records.

EQUIPMENT

The SET Grenadier Lieutenant shall maintain an inventory of all grenadier equipment, munitions, and supplies. SET 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 shall not be 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 SET Grenadier Lieutenant shall submit an annual report documenting usage, maintenance, warranties, and repairs of SET Grenadier equipment to the SET lead commander or their designee.

SET Grenadiers should not carry SET 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 SET Grenadiers. SET Grenadiers shall wear all appropriate PPE during deployments and trainings.

MEDICAL

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

GRENADIER ACTIVATION

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

DOCUMENTATION

SET Grenadiers shall complete an official MPD report regarding any use of force during the course of their duties and shall check in the SET Use of Force Coordinator or their designee prior to the end of their assigned shift. In addition, any SET supervisor, commander, or CP personnel directing the use of force shall also complete an official MPD report.

MUTUAL AID

A SET 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, SET Grenadiers shall always abide by the MPD Code of Conduct, MPD SOPs generally, and their SET Grenadier training.

NON-SET USAGE

SET 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.

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