



CITY OF MADISON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE



Special Events Team Medic Platoon

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Purpose

Under the direct command of the Madison Police Department (MPD) Special Events Team (SET), the SET Medic Platoon was created to better respond to protest and crowd events with an internal resource. The SET Medics have specialized training and skills to provide immediate emergency casualty care to officers and to citizens within an austere environment.

This document establishes procedures for this asset, its members, and its deployment. It also establishes the medical protocols under which SET Medics operate.

Mission

We believe the MPD SET team acts as guardians of the community and of their constitutional rights. We recognize that special events and large crowds pose unique potential physical dangers to members of the public and to officers protecting them. Through providing immediate emergency casualty care coverage to SET officers and to the community, we aim to maintain a professional standard, improve safety, and preserve life.

Procedure

Deployment to SET Events:

- SET Medics will be deployed at the discretion of SET command and should be staffed with platoon-sized deployments. SET Medics should be incorporated into as many platoons or squads as staffing assigned to the event allows.

Deployment to other incidents:

- 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 casualty care coverage. In the event of such a deployment, the SET Medic shall notify SET command and/or the Officer in Charge (OIC) as soon as practical. SET Medics may keep their SET-issued specialized medical equipment with their regular work equipment for this purpose.

Personnel

SET should maintain a number of SET Medics sufficient to staff each SET platoon with two medics.

The SET Medic team shall abide by the following standards:

Selection:

- Members of the SET Medics team shall be selected through a process determined by the SET commanding officer of the SET Medics

Training:

- SET Medics shall attend all required annual Medics team trainings, shall attend all SET full team trainings, and shall maintain any required certifications or licenses as determined by the SET commander
- SET Medics shall attend specialized team trainings as required by the SET Medics commander
- Absences from SET Medics team training shall be pre-approved by a SET commander
- The SET commanders shall designate a SET supervisor or senior medic to maintain and update training records

Promotion:

- SET Medics who are promoted to supervisory MPD rank shall leave the SET Medics team, unless, in the judgment of the SET commander, they have obtained a level of specialized training related to this team such that it remains in the department's best interests that they continue to serve on the SET Medics team
- Recently promoted SET Medics may continue to deploy until their replacements are trained and equipped for SET events at the discretion of the SET commander

Standards:

- Membership on the SET Medics team is a privilege. SET Medics shall remain dedicated to serving in this roll, commit to maintain the core competencies, and be physically able to perform the necessary tasks

Medical Procedures

At all times, SET Medics shall abide by the following standard procedures pertaining to medical treatment and interventions:

- Medics shall provide training only to the level of their training, and
- Medics shall follow appropriate protocol for treatment established by the following authorities:
 - State of Wisconsin Department of Justice Law Enforcement Standards Board for Tactical Emergency Casualty Care
 - The directions, trainings, and protocol as ordered by the Medical Director of the Madison Police Department

Documentation

Using procedures established by SET command, SET Medics shall document all treatment provided to citizens.

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