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I. POLICY

There are few aspects of law enforcement that are as important as a well planned and executed search or arrest warrant (also referred to as raid). There are also few aspects of law enforcement that are quite as dangerous. The officer in charge must be aware of the methodology and intricacies of planning, preparing and executing a warrant. All officers involved must act in concert to insure a safe and successful completion.

II. PROCEDURE

The following procedure is provided as a guide to assist in the planning, coordinating and executing of search and arrest warrant executions where a group of officers or more than one law enforcement agency is involved. Unless an emergency exists, an operating plan will be written for any raid. When the circumstances justify, members of SRT, in conjunction with the other police personnel will execute warrants.

A. PLANNING - A comprehensive plan should: identify the raid's targets, and provide a complete description of the premises to be raided; contain a list of needed equipment and delineate assignments for involved personnel; address the areas of transportation, communication, firearms, and safety and establishes procedures for the post-raid custody, booking and processing of prisoners.

B. EXECUTION - Proper execution depends on three factors: speed, surprise and simplicity.

C. SAFETY - Even precision execution, speed and surprise do not guarantee the absence of danger. Consequently, devices like body armor and helmets may be employed. Safety can never be absolutely guaranteed, but it usually follows the caution, concern, and good judgment that must be programmed into every raid situation.

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