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SWAT Activations **2012 - 2014**

2014

The SPD SWAT Team was activated a total of **34** times during the first six months of 2014.

High Risk Warrant Service 15 Activations

These operations include warrant service for other SPD Units (SIU/Major Crimes/Regional Drug Unit, etc.) as well as outside agency requests (WSP/Federal agencies).

Tactical Operations 16 Activations

Tactical Operations include barricade suspects, armed suicidal suspect, high risk arrests and other high risk operations (both ad hock on patrol and prior planned). This statistic includes incidents involving high risk prisoner transport, homicide suspect arrests, armed robbery specials and sensitive item protection.

Special Events 2 Activations

Bloomsday, Lilac Parade

Outside Agency Assists 1 Activation

SPD SWAT was called out to assist the Spokane County Sheriff's Office with a hostage taking incident, but was cancelled prior to team arrival.

Injuries: In F14-057, SWAT was called out to assist Hostage Negotiators and patrol officers with an individual having a mental health crisis who was holding a knife against his body. Negotiators worked with Hendricks for 5 hours without gaining any sort of dialogue or cooperation from the man. Several times during negotiations he held the knife to his own body in apparently suicidal behavior. He also reached into a bag several times against the commands of officers who feared he may introduce additional weapons. When he abruptly stood up and began walking towards civilians, still armed with the knife, SWAT officers deployed Blunt Impact Munitions. Another officer deployed his TASER. The man dropped the knife and surrendered. He was taken into



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custody without further incident. Medical care was given immediately and he was subsequently taken to the hospital for a Mental Health Evaluation.

In another incident involving a barricaded armed suspect, officers deployed pepper spray into the house to make the subject come out. He was detained and taken to the hospital for an evaluation.

2013

The SPD SWAT Team was activated a total of **54** times in 2013.

High Risk Warrant Service

29 Activations

These operations include warrant service for other SPD Units (SIU/Major Crimes/Regional Drug Unit, etc.) as well as outside agency requests (WSP/Federal agencies).

Tactical Operations

20 Activations

Tactical Operations include barricade suspects, armed suicidal suspects, high-risk arrests and other high-risk operations (both ad hoc on patrol and prior planned). Included are five armed robbery specials with SIU in which suspected armed robbers were followed in anticipation of further crimes.

Special Events

3 Activations

Bloomsday, Lilac Parade and New Year's Eve Patrol

Outside Agency Assists (Vehicle only)

2 Activations

Twice this year, the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office requested use of the armored vehicle on barricade suspect operations, because SPD's armored vehicle is considered a regional asset. SPD SWAT Officers provided vehicle operation but do not participate in the tactical problem.

Injuries: In F13-048, SWAT was called in for a suicidal subject with a gun who police and refused to surrender after over 2 hours of talking with negotiators. When he exited his house with a gun in hand, he was struck by one 40 mm exact impact foam-tipped Specialty Impact Munitions (SIM) round. From this he suffered a small laceration to his upper left buttock/lower back. He then was safely detained and taken to the hospital for a mental evaluation.



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In another incident involving a barricaded armed suspect, officers deployed pepper spray into the house to make the subject come out. He was detained and taken to the hospital for an evaluation.

2012

The SWAT Team was activated a total of 50 times in 2012.

High Risk Warrant Service

24 Activations

These operations include warrant service for other SPD Units (SIU/Major Crimes/Regional Drug Unit, etc.) as well as outside agency requests such as Coeur d'Alene Police Department, Airway Heights Police Department, WSP and Federal agencies.

Tactical Operations

24 Activations

Tactical Operations include barricade suspects, armed suicidal suspects, high-risk arrests and other high-risk operations (both ad hoc on patrol and prior planned). Included are five armed robbery specials with SIU in which suspected armed robbers were followed in anticipation of further crimes.

Special Events

2 Activations

Lilac Parade and New Year's Eve Patrol

Injuries: In three incidents, SWAT members deployed pepper spray into a residence to make the armed, barricaded suspect come out. Otherwise, no injuries were caused by SWAT.