
Milford Police Department Special Op's Breakdown



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

The Milford Police Department Special Operations Division is made up of 4 fulltime police officers. The team consists of 1 sergeant and 3 Special Operations Officers.

In addition, the Special Operations Division works directly with the Milford Police Department K9 Division, Motors Division, Detective Division and the School Resource Officers.

The intent of having the Special Operations Division is the bridge the gap between the very well-trained Police Officer and the highly trained Special Weapons & Tactics or "SWAT" Officer.

Although the Special Operation Team is not a "SWAT Team", all of the officers have attended and completed SWAT Training, one member, is assigned to the Central Massachusetts Law Enforcement Councils SWAT Team and is a Team Leader with SWAT.

Special Operations Mission & Purpose (continued)

Each day the school is in session, Special Operations Officers are assigned outside the schools to maintain a secure presence and focus on a secure and safe perimeter while the School Resource Officers are inside.

If there is any type of threat or the School Resource Officers need assistance, Special Operations Officers are present and able to enter the schools within seconds of such a need.

In the previous year, Special Operations Officers responded to requests for assistance at the schools on **306 separate occasions.**

This includes threats of violence, weapon responses, fights hoax threats and a wide array of other incidents which may put students, staff and visitors in danger.

Special Operations Officers are not only working at the schools, but also handle a wide variety of other roles within the Police Department

Special Operations

Mission & Purpose

Since the tragic school shooting at Columbine High School just outside of Denver, Colorado in 1999, Law enforcement has searched for a better way to handle Active Shooter events.

Training has shifted from a “Contain & Wait” mentality, to an immediate response to an incident where lives are actively at risk.

Although all officers of the Milford Police Department are trained in such a response, the Special Operations Team was created to be a more highly trained, better equipped response to these critical incidents.

Although schools are not the only risks where a potential threat may arise, schools have been the most publicized and the most targeted population for active shooter events.

The Special Operations Team was created with the mission to respond quickly and aggressively to such incidents.

Special Operations Mission & Purpose (continued)

Special Operations Officers have been called out over the previous year for the following incidents:

-Family Services Calls:	337 Calls
-Warrant Service Calls:	74 Calls
-Traffic Enforcement:	506 Calls
-510 Civil Citation written	
-191 Criminal Complaints Issued	
-Property Checks	3678 Calls
-Medical Emergencies	367 Calls
-Assist Schools	306 Calls
-Mutual Aid	102 Calls
-Drone Deployments	51 Calls
-K9 Deployments	48 Calls
-Motor Vehicle Accidents	337 Calls
-Community Policing Events	60 Calls

Special Operations Mission & Purpose (continued)

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-Demonstrations	60 Calls
-Funeral Escorts	47 Calls
-Jewish Temple Security	188 Calls
-Arrests/Assists	492 Calls
-Parking Violations	304 Calls

Overall in the past 12 months, the Milford Police Department Special Operations Team has been involved in over 7400 Police actions.

Additional Duties

In addition to their primary function of protecting the Milford Public Schools and town buildings and infrastructure from various threats, members from the Special Operations Team are responsible for other duties:

Special Operations Team Leader also serves as the Training Coordinator, responsible for ensuring all Milford Police Officers are up to date on necessary training and that the Milford Police Department is operating in line with the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) standards for certification purposes

All members of the Special Operations Team are certified at the instructor level for many disciplines and currently conduct training for the Milford Police Department as well as the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) in:

- Firearms
- Defensive Tactics
- Taser
- Active Shooter Response
- First Responder/CPR
