

Emergency Response Team Mission Statement

The mission of the Taylorville Police Multi-Agency ERT Team is the preservation of life and property during critical incidents and high-risk operations. The ERT Team is called upon to respond for service of high-risk search and arrest warrants; incidents involving barricaded suspects, hostage rescues, or active shooters; crowd control; and other situations requiring resources beyond the capacity of the patrol division. Members of ERT also provide training in tactics to other members of the police department, during directed training exercises.

The ERT Team is currently comprised of 10 members. Members participate on the team as a collateral duty, in addition to their full-time assignments within the police department.

Members of ERT Team are selected to the team during a competitive process, in which their physical fitness, firearms skills, communications skills, decision making abilities, and job performance are evaluated. Once selected to the team, members are sent to a one-week Basic SWAT School, where they receive concentrated instruction in tactics, movement and searching techniques, and firearms handling and marksmanship. Members of ERT Team train together once a month. Additional specialized training is attended individually or in small groups.