



2-27 RESCUE TASK FORCE

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2-27-2 Definitions

1. Rescue Task Force (RTF)

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2. Warm Zone

An area with potential risk to life and health that can be mitigated with proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), tactics and procedures.

2-27-3 Rules and Procedures

A. Incident Commander

1. During critical incidents involving injured patients, an APD incident commander shall convene with the EMS supervisor (ie. AFR Battalion Chief) to establish a unified command.
 - a. A human caused mass casualty incident is a crime scene, therefore falls under the purview of Law Enforcement.
2. The APD incident commander and EMS supervisor shall consider possible risks to the public, officers and EMS personnel, as well as the risk vs. benefit to the patient(s), when determining if the Rescue Task Force will be activated.
 - a. The APD IC and the EMS supervisor must agree the area the RTF is to be deployed meets the definition of a warm zone.
3. The incident commander shall designate an officer as the RTF team leader. The IC will designate the other members of the law enforcement element or delegate that responsibility to the RTF team leader.
4. The IC will identify the area and entry point the RTF will deploy to. Upon being briefed on the plan to accomplish the assignment by the RTF team leader, the incident commander will authorize any the RTF plan of action before implementation.

B. Rescue Task Force Team Leader



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3. The incident commander shall designate an officer as team leader.
4. Upon being briefed by the RTF team leader, the incident commander will authorize any RTF plan of action before implementation.

B. Rescue Task Force Team Leader

1. The RTF team leader is responsible for all actions and direction of the team.
2. The RTF team leader shall ideally designate four officers as RTF team members.
3. The RTF team leader will develop a plan of action to enter the scene, contact and evacuate the patient.
4. The RTF team leader will brief EMS personnel who are a part of the RTF.

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Policy Recommendations to the Office of Policy Analysis

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SOP: 2-27

Name of Submitting Department / Unit: Ray DeFrates/ APD Advanced Training Unit



In order to gain a clear understanding of the reason for the policy change, please answer the questions below with as much detail as possible as this information will be shared with internal and external stakeholders interested in participating in APD's policy development process.

RECOMMENDATION	
Issue	The policy was due for review
Recommendation	See changes in revised draft (high-lighted in green)
Recommendation made by	<input type="checkbox"/> Office of Policy Analysis <input type="checkbox"/> Other stakeholder:
Supporting research, best practices, data trends, etc.	29+ years APD law enforcement experience, 9 years SWAT Team member, 2 years SWAT Team leader, NMLEA certified Master RBT Instructor, Master Firearms Instructor, Use of Force Instructor, Intermediate Force Instructor and SWAT Instructor among others. Co-authored Rescue Task Force training for the Albuquerque Fire Department (2015). Reviewed similar programs from Denver CO PD, Columbus Ohio PD, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department and Bernalillo County Fire Department. Observed a RTF joint training session of BCSD and BCFD.
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