



SACRAMENTO POLICE DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF OPERATIONS



580.07
SHOTGUN/EXPLOSIVE BREACHING
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PURPOSE

The purpose of this order is to establish guidelines for the use of shotgun breaching rounds and explosive breaching devices.

POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Office of Operations to use shotgun and explosive breaching as directed and when necessary to increase the safety of the public and officers.

PROCEDURE

A. DEFINITIONS

1. SHOTGUN BREACHING ROUND - A special munition designed to be fired by a 12 gauge shotgun for the purpose of disabling door locking mechanisms and hinges.
2. EXPLOSIVE BREACHING DEVICE - Explosive materials designed for the purpose of creating an opening through a door, wall, or other barrier.
3. SWAT BREACHER - A member of SWAT trained in the selection, placement, and use of shotgun breaching rounds and other specialized means of entry.
4. EOD BREACHER - An Explosive Ordinance Detail (EOD) technician trained in the construction, placement, and initiation of explosive breaching devices.

B. DEPLOYMENT

1. Shotgun and explosive breaching shall only be used:
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
2. The decision to use explosive breaching shall be made by the SWAT Commander or designee, with concurrence from the incident commander (IC).
3. Scouting and analysis of the barrier to be breached [REDACTED]
4. Recommendation of the breaching technique to be employed shall be the responsibility of the SWAT sergeant. The SWAT sergeant shall consider:
 - [REDACTED]
 - [REDACTED]
5. Placement and initiation of the selected breaching technique shall be performed by the breacher upon direction from the SWAT sergeant.
6. The explosive breaching device will be initiated by the breacher upon direction from the SWAT sergeant.

C. SAFETY PROCEDURES

1. All officers in the immediate proximity of breaching operations shall wear protective equipment (e.g. eye/hand protection, body armor).
2. Prior to breaching, consideration should be given to providing advance notification to perimeter officers.

D. REPORTING

1. Property damage as a result of breaching shall be documented pursuant to [GO 240.03 \(Civil Liability\)](#).
2. The requirements of [GO 580.03 \(Discharge of Firearms\)](#) shall not apply when the shotgun is used for breaching.

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E. TRAINING

1. All breachers shall review breaching procedures yearly.
2. All SWAT breachers will train using shotgun breaching biannually.
3. All EOD breachers will train using explosive breaching biannually.