

## **S.W.A.T. Response to the Barricaded Mentally Ill Subject**

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This research paper deals with S.W.A.T. teams and their response to barricaded mentally ill suspects. This type of callout accounts for over 75 percent of the average team's workload. Though very common, there are several hard decisions to be made at such an incident. Some of the questions to be asked are; when or ever should a team forcibly enter a subjects home when he has broken no law? Should a S.W.A.T. team use force to stop a subject who is only threatening himself? Under what circumstances should a team be called out for a subject who has not violated the law? While all these questions have no definitive answer, this paper will open the door to different options available to S.W.A.T. commanders around the country.