

The Feasibility of a Multi-Jurisdictional SWAT Team

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Events from the recent past have dictated the need for law enforcement to be prepared to confront extreme high-risk situations. This need resulted in the formation of SWAT Teams throughout the country. Many agencies have discovered that maintaining a team is too costly. Some have gone so far as to disband their teams while others are looking for alternative ways to decrease the costs associated with maintaining their team. If SWAT teams are abolished the consequences could be disastrous for the agency and the public they serve. This research will examine the concept of a multi-jurisdictional SWAT team in order to determine if this approach would be beneficial or detrimental in seeking to mitigate expenses and reduce liabilities associated with maintaining a SWAT team.