



# ACTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

DEPARTMENT MANUAL; P&P: Special Occurrences		
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SUBJECT: Tactical Team Requests	ISSUING AUTHORITY: Chief Richard Burrows	
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## I. Policy

The Acton Police Department does not maintain a tactical unit. The Department currently relies upon the Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Special Tactical Operations (STOP) Team for tactical intervention at high-risk situations. When deemed necessary, the Patrol Shift Supervisor has authority to call in (STOP) tactical response. When the Patrol Shift Supervisor believes a tactical team response is necessary, he/she shall notify the Patrol Division Commander upon activating a response from STOP. The Patrol Division Commander shall then notify the Deputy Chief and Chief of Police. When spontaneous events occur that ultimately requires tactical intervention, the situation must be contained as best it can with the resources at hand and with mutual aid.

### A. INITIAL STEPS BY ON-DUTY PERSONNEL MAY INCLUDE [46.2.1a]:

- Advising supervisory personnel of the activities reported or observed.
- Assessing and monitoring crowd activity.
- Early intervention to clearly establish a “tolerance level”, and discourage further escalation of the disturbance.
- Summoning additional personnel.
- Utilize on-duty personnel and equipment to the extent possible.
- Consider activation of the Department All Hazard Plan, and initiate the Incident Command System.
- Request assistance from Mutual Aid Police Departments.
- Other steps as directed by the situation.

### B. (STOP) DEPLOYMENTS [46.2.1b]

The use of (STOP) is coordinated through the command staff of the Department and with the command staff of (STOP). Assignments are coordinated with the command staffs of both agencies; however, the Acton command staff has the final authority.

The Acton Patrol Shift Supervisor or Incident Commander (IC) and operation components shall retain command of the incident and work cooperatively with the (STOP) commander to bring about the best possible outcome. However, once the IC authorized the (STOP) tactical team to initiate action, tactical command decisions shift to the (STOP) tactical team leader **[46.2.1a]** **[46.2.1c]**

## **Special Operations & Tactical Team Information**

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**History: None**