

SERVICE OF SEARCH WARRANTS

Officers

1. Gives appropriate notice of IDENTITY AND PURPOSE to the person(s) to be searched or the person(s) in

apparent control of the premises to be searched before entering the premises. If it is unclear whether anyone is

present, officers must give the notice in a manner to be heard by anyone who is present.

2. Uses a trick or ruse, if necessary, (to avoid danger and/or destruction of evidence) to cause the occupants to come

to and open the door and/or exit the premises. This is lawful and reasonable so long as:

a. officers announce their authority (search warrant) and identify themselves before entering, and;

b. it does not endanger the occupants or create the impression that they are endangered.

3. Serves search warrants between 0700 and 1900 hours, unless a nighttime search warrant is authorized by the Judge.

4. Enters a building, home, or structure, using only minimal force, for the service of the warrant if officers

previously announced their identity and purpose, and reasonably believe that:

a. admittance is being denied or unreasonably delayed;

b. the premises are unoccupied; or

c. there is probable cause to believe that giving further notice would endanger the life or safety of any persons.

SWAT

5. Accomplishes the following, when utilized:

a. participates in the team briefing;

b. assumes command of the entry; and

c. relinquishes command when the scene has been stabilized.