

# INTER-OFFICE COMMUNICATION



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To All Personnel Attention

From Major Chad M. McGinty, Commander, Office of Field Operations

Subject Special Response Team (SRT)--25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

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A ceremony to celebrate the Special Response Team's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., at the Ohio State Patrol Training Academy.

All division personnel, auxiliary members, and retirees are welcome to attend the SRT's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. Commanders are to use discretion in allowing attendance based upon operational necessity. District and section commanders or their designee are encouraged to attend as well as any past members of SRT. Dress is the uniform of the day.

In April 1990, Colonel Thomas W. Rice saw the need for a response team that could handle unusual situations requiring specialized training and equipment. That September, the Patrol's Special Response Team was created to handle hostage/barricade, high speed/stationary vehicle assaults, high risk warrant service, and executive protection.

Today, the full-time team consist of 26 members that are strategically placed throughout the state to provide a rapid response to calls for service. They provide tactical support to other Federal, State, County and City agencies upon request which is key in fostering the relationships the Division has with these agencies.

The SRT enjoys a rich history of being a highly skilled, trained team. The SRT is currently utilized for prison conflicts, riot demonstrations, OSU Homeland security details, apprehension of Ohio's most violent criminals, rescuing those held against their will, and providing much needed training to agencies in need. Most recently, the SRT is an integral part in the statewide initiative of training on Active Shooter/Aggressor response by law enforcement and civilian response to DAS and DPS facilities.

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