

OpTac International Tabletop Challenge Part 2

Part 2 of the OpTac International Tabletop Challenge, a new online training exercise, is presented in this edition of our News Bulletin. Readers are encouraged to submit their answers to the below response-related questions.

The best combined plan of action (Parts 1 and 2) for successful incident resolution and the author's name/agency, along with a description of what actually happened will appear in next week's News Bulletin.

Tabletop Exercise Part 2:

0230hrs Intel Update - The suspect is confirmed to be alone at the residence and is intoxicated. He is an off-duty police officer from a neighboring jurisdiction (11-year veteran). The suspect remains in the garage refusing patrol officer requests to place his weapons on the ground and surrender, while continuing to fire into the air and the walls of his house.

0245hrs - Several tactical officers including command staff are on-scene with the rest of the team on the way. The suspect is not aiming at any officer, but states that he will kill himself or anyone entering his residence/garage.

Questions for patrol officers, patrol supervisors, tactical officers, and commanders:

- 1) Does the fact that the suspect is an off-duty police officer from a neighboring jurisdiction change your plans and answers to the questions from Part 1? If so, what are the changes?
- 2) Has your patrol shift and/or tactical team discussed the possibility of having to kill another police officer on a call for service, especially one who might be known to them?
- 3) For Commanders: Would you instruct your officers to shoot the suspect if they have not yet done so? Why/why not?
- 4) What is your revised plan for successful incident resolution?

Tabletop exercises similar to the one presented in this News Bulletin should be part of every tactical team's training curriculum. Your answers to these questions can be emailed to: optacemail@optacinternational.com.