

## OpTac International Tabletop Challenge

The OpTac International Tabletop Challenge is presented in this edition of our News Bulletin. This is a multi-part challenge in which initial intelligence from an actual incident was provided in Part 1. Readers are encouraged to submit their answers to the response-related questions.

### Tabletop Exercise Part 2:

1515hrs - Three SWAT officers who were working patrol respond and meet the medics in front of the residence. They evacuate the female who was laying on the floor. She has a slight pulse and shallow respiration. Medics advise the male on the floor is dead. Medical personnel transport the female to the hospital.

1545hrs - The entire tactical team is on-scene. Patrol has established a 360 degree perimeter. It is still unknown if there are additional victims/hostages with the suspect.

### Additional Intelligence:

- All people in the residence including the suspect are deaf mutes and unable to communicate effectively with police and medical personnel.
- The suspect is now believed to be a resident and is possibly armed inside his bedroom.
- There is a Teletypewriter (TTY) machine in the residence, but it is broken.

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

- 1) What are your primary concerns?
- 2) What are your secondary concerns?
- 3) What additional information would you like to have at this point in the incident?
- 4) What is your revised tactical plan?
- 5) Do you make an immediate entry into the residence to look for potential victims/hostages?

Tabletop Exercise Part 3: Next week, updated information will be provided after which readers will be asked to re-submit their revised plan of action for successful incident resolution. The best answer, along with a description of what actually happened will appear in a subsequent News Bulletin.

Tabletop exercises similar to the one presented in this News Bulletin are part of our tactical command and critical incident management curricula. Your answers to these questions can be emailed to: [optacemail@optacinternational.com](mailto:optacemail@optacinternational.com).