

Special Operations Division

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Commander



Emergency Support Team

Michigan State Police tactical team

- Established in 1974
- 44 tactical members and 16 negotiators
- Provides tactical operation services to law enforcement agencies at all levels of government (municipal, county, state, and federal)
- Specially trained and outfitted to work in adverse conditions for extended time periods
- Can be deployed for situations such as barricaded gunman, hostage situations, VIP security, high risk warrant service



Bomb Squad

- 10 FBI-certified bomb technicians
- Investigate, render safe and/or dispose of suspected hazardous devices, explosives, explosive materials and pyrotechnics
- Investigate, perform diagnostics and potential render safe operations in chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) events
- Conduct bombing crime scene investigations
- Provide dignitary protection sweep activities
- Develop emergency response plans for bomb threats and explosive-related incidents
- Develop and promulgate bomb threat awareness and safety programs



Canine Unit

CAPABILITIES

- TRACKING
- PROPERTY SEARCHES
- BUILDING SEARCHES
- MISSING PERSONS
- NARCOTICS
DETECTION
- EXLOSIVES
DETECTION
- SHELL CASING DETECTION
- VAPOR WAKE
- ACCELERANT
- CADAVER
- TACTICAL ENTRY
- CYBER DETECTION (TRAINING)



2016 STATS

- TRACKING: 1,580
- ACCELERANT: 340
- NARCOTICS: 3,129
- EXPLOSIVES: 461
- CADAVER: 76
- TACTICAL ENTRY: 42
- TOTAL CALLS: 5,628

Marine Services Team

- 15 divers posted statewide
- 112 calls for service in 2016 – 49 of which were local requests
- Led 21 missions for body recovery incidents
- Deployed Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) on multiple body recoveries
- Assisted U.S. Coast Guard 11 times



Aviation Unit

- First law enforcement agency to fly 200 Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) missions
 - First agency authorized by FAA to fly in controlled airspace
- Trooper 2 has live video downlink capability
- 1,000+ missions supported in 2016
 - Assisted in 300+ arrests
 - Responded to and safely returned 10 missing persons



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