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	SUBJECT SPECIAL CONSERVATORS OF THE PEACE		EFFECTIVE DATE 09/30/08
			OVERSIGHT Operations
DISTRIBUTION ALL MANUALS	AMENDS/SUPERSEDES/CANCELS P&P # NEW POLICY		

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this directive is to establish procedures and guidelines for use by department employees designated as Special Conservators of the Peace.

II. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Hampton Police Division to utilize select Hampton Fire Division employees as Special Conservators of the Peace as SWAT Team Medics for the Police Divisions Tactical Unit.

III. DEFINITIONS:

Special Conservator of the Peace – any individual appointed by the Circuit Court pursuant to section 19.2-13 of the Code of Virginia to perform only those powers, functions, duties and responsibilities authorized within the geographic limitations as defined by the court.

Armed Special Conservator of the Peace – a special conservator of the peace who carries or has immediate access to a firearm in the performance of his duties.

IV. PROCEDURE:

1. The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services (D.C.J.S.) regulates the Special Conservator of the Peace program in the Commonwealth of Virginia. All employees selected to serve as Special Conservators of the Peace must meet the standards established by D.C.J.S.
2. The Training Unit will be responsible for coordinating the certification and the annual re-certification of all Special Conservators of the Peace utilized by the division.
3. The Division will normally maintain Armed Special Conservators of the Peace only in the position of Tactical Unit Medic.
 - a. A paramedic employed by the Hampton Fire and Rescue who is selected to serve as a member of the department's tactical unit.

APPROVED:
CHIEF OF POLICE



- (1) Each tactical unit medic will be selected from those personnel participating in a competitive selection process designed by the SWAT Commander.
 - (2) Each tactical unit medic must complete the firearms training portion of a Certified Basic Police Recruit Training Program.
- b. Must obtain and maintain an Armed Special Conservator of the Peace certification in order to carry a department-issued firearm while performing the duties of a tactical medic.
- c. Has limited police authority, as defined in their Circuit Court appointment and according to section 19.2-13 of the Code of Virginia, resulting from their status as an Armed Special Conservator of the Peace.
- (1) Each tactical unit medic is appointed by the Circuit Court “for the security of property and the peace within the City of Hampton.”
 - (2) Each tactical unit medic will work under the supervision and control of a tactical unit supervisor whenever called upon to assist.
 - (3) Each tactical unit medic is authorized under the same guidelines as a police officer to detain utilizing that force necessary during tactical unit operations.
- d. Must successfully complete a minimum of 40 hours of tactical operations training within twelve months of assignment to the tactical unit.
- e. Must meet the firearms qualification standards established for sworn police officers in P&P 533 Use of Force & Related Equipment.
- f. Must meet the same internal in-service training requirements as sworn police officers for firearms and use of force.
- g. Must meet the same internal in-service training requirements as tactical officers for topics related to tactical operations.
- h. Will carry the department-issued handgun only when performing duties related to the tactical unit assignment and only in accordance with P&P 533.

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