



Lake County Sheriff's Office

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2018 LCSO SWAT Year End Report



The Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team was activated seven (7) times in 2018. This number is up from three (3) activations in 2017. The following are the team activations for 2018:

- 1- Assist to Middlefield P.D. (Swine Creek Road)- Barricaded suspect which was cancelled while enroute.
- 1- Assist to Lake County Narcotics (N. St. Clair Street, Painesville)- High Risk Search Warrant.
- 1- Assist to Chester P.D. (Sperry Road)- Barricaded suspect.
- 1- Assist to Painesville P.D. (Cedarbrook Drive)- Barricaded suspect.
- 1- Assist to Mentor P.D. (Route 306)- High Risk Search Warrant
- 1- Assist to Lake County Narcotics (Liberty Street)- High Risk Search Warrant
- 1- Assist to Painesville P.D. (West Eagle Street)- Barricaded suspect.

The SWAT Team staffing increased from 35 to 36 members in 2018. The following are the current team members and their positions:

- LCSO Ex. Lt. Jeff Sherwood- Team Commander
- Painesville City PD Det. Don Tichel- Team Leader
- Painesville City PD Lt. Mike Decaro- Assistant Team Leader
- GCSO Det. Steve Deardowski- Assistant Team Leader
- LCSO Lt. Mike Reed- Driver
- LCSO Lt. Larry Harpster- Sniper/Scout Team Leader
- LCSO Lt. Pat Paterson- Sniper
- LCSO Dep. Joe Basco- Driver / Scribe
- LCSO Det. Jeff Belle- Scout
- LCSO Det. Donovan Buchs- Scout

LCSO Sgt. Robert Izzo- Negotiator / CNT Team Leader
LCSO Dep. Jerrold Infalvi- Tactical Drone Operator
LCSO Sgt. Kevin Raico- Entry
LCSO Sgt. Bryan Bowen- Entry
LCSO Dep. Zak Ropos- Entry
LCSO Dep. Shane Hopp- Entry
LCSO Sgt. Ron Radovanic- Entry
LCSO Dep. Matthew Pepperney- Entry
LCSO Dep. Ryan Kirschner- Entry
LCSO Dep. Chris Havrilla- Entry
Painesville City PD Lt. Mike Slocum- LTL Team Leader
Painesville City PD Ptlmn. William Sickles- Entry
Painesville City PD Ptlman. Ryan Cueni- Negotiator
Painesville City PD Sgt. Josh Rogers- Entry
GCSO Dep. Will Boehnlein- Entry / Training Coordinator
GCSO Det. Andy Humar- Entry / Training Coordinator
GCSO Dep. Greg Borden- Entry / K-9 (Rotor)
GCSO Det. Sgt. Jim Jonovich- Scout
GCSO Dep. Jeff Raymond- Driver
ACSO Dep. Evan Wolff- Entry
ACSO Dep. Nick Pinney- Entry
ACSO Dep. Ted Barger- Entry
Madison Twp. PD Ptlmn. Chris Anderson- Entry
Madison Twp. PD Ptlmn. Ryan Shannon- Entry
Concord Twp. Firefighter Adam White- TEMS Medic
Painesville Twp. Firefighter Gary Red- TEMS Medic

**** See attached Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team Organizational Structure sheet for further details on assignments.**

There were several personnel changes on the LCSO Swat Team in 2018. Capt. Carl Dondorfer, former Team Commander, resigned from the agency moving Executive Lieutenant Jeff Sherwood into the Team Commander position. Also retiring from the team in 2018 was Det. John Kelley, ACSO Det. Taylor Cleveland, and ACSO Dep. Len Emch. LCSO added Deputy Matthew Pepperney, Deputy Chris Havrilla and Deputy Ryan Kirschner. Painesville City PD added Ptlmn. William Sickles. Madison Twp. PD added Ptlmn. Ryan Shannon. GCSO added Det. Sgt. Jim Jonovich. These changes to the team took personnel from 35 to 36 members during 2018. The following are the individual agency assignment numbers for the team:

LCSO- 17 members
Painesville PD- 6 members
GCSO- 6 members
ACSO- 3 members
Madison Twp. PD- 2 members
Concord Twp. Fire Department- 1 member
Painesville Twp. Fire Department- 1 member

The Lake County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team trained in three general categories of SWAT skills and tactics:

- **Weapons, Munitions, and Equipment training**
- **Individual / Team Movement and Tactics**
- **Decision- Making**

WEAPONS, MUNITIONS, AND EQUIPMENT:

- **Equipment- familiarization and maintenance**
- **Firearms skills with primary and secondary (handgun) weapons**
- **Ladder and other high angle access**
- **Mechanical and physical force breaching**
- **Tactical shield use**
- **Ballistic blanket use**
- **Tactical ram use**
- **Night vision equipment**
- **Munitions**
 - **Chemical agents**
 - **Less lethal impact munitions**
 - **Diversionary devices**
- **Armored vehicle tactical use**

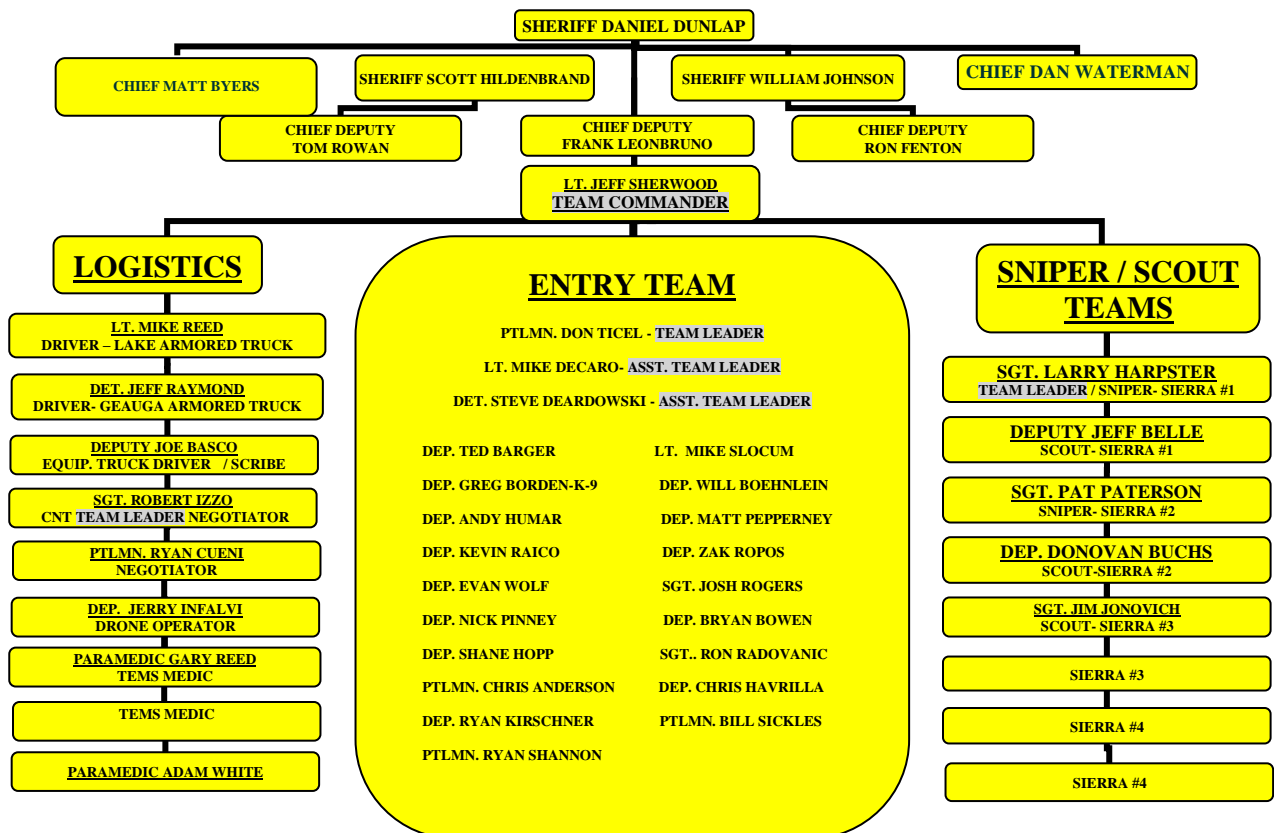
INDIVIDUAL / TEAM MOVEMENT AND TACTICS:

- **Active shooter response**
- **Barricaded subject operations**
- **Booby traps**
- **Containment techniques**
- **Cover and movement**
- **Covered pile**
- **Covert clearing**
- **Dignitary protection details**
- **Downed officer / Citizen recues**
- **Dynamic clearing**
- **Entries**
- **High risk warrant service**
 - **Contain and call-out**
 - **Dynamic**
 - **Ruse, etc.**
- **Hostage rescue tactics**
- **Immediate action drills**
- **Negotiations**
- **Open air movement / searches**
- **Scouting**
- **Searching techniques**

- Sniper-initiated assaults
- Vehicle assaults
 - Bus / transit assaults
 - Car/ van/ truck assaults
- WMD training

DECISION-MAKING:

- Mission and tactical contingency planning
- Training simulations (scenario-based training)
 - Barricaded subject / suspect
 - High risk warrant service (dynamic, contain & call-out, etc.)
 - Hostage situations
 - Suicide intervention
 - Other



Lt. Larry Harpster #43