

Engage Gwinnett

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Cost of SWAT personnel and equipment?

GCPD SWAT Overview:

The GCPD SWAT team has been in existence since 1986. The team has 24 years experience handling barricade incidents, hostage incidents, VIP protection details and high risk arrest and search warrants. GCPD SWAT is comprised of 52 Officers of which 51 are collateral members meaning they perform regular patrol and investigation duties, carrying all of their SWAT gear in their assigned police vehicle, while not on a SWAT call. Our SWAT team is fully compliant with all NTOA (National Tactical Officer Association) standards and best practices. At our request, the GCPD SWAT team underwent a voluntary capability assessment by the NTOA. The assessment confirmed our compliance with NTOA standards and best practices. In fact, we exceed NTOA training standards by training 3 days per month instead of the standard 2 days. GCPD SWAT has participated in numerous competitions and has a national reputation for excellence. GCPD SWAT is an active member of the Metro SWAT Association, is considered a primary team for all Urban Area Security Initiative and Buffer Zone Protection programs, and was selected and funded to provide a regional Area 7 Chemical, Biological, Radiation, Nuclear, Explosive response element.

GCPD SWAT Personnel Expense:	\$120,045
One (1) Full Time Sergeant Salary, Other Wages, Overtime, Benefits, Pension.	
GCPD SWAT General Operating Expense:	21,075
Supplies, Equipment, Training, Dues and Fees, Professional Services, R & M.	
GCPD SWAT Contributions:	<u>14,589</u>
Workers Comp, Risk Mgt, Auto Liability	
GCPD SWAT 2010 Budget	155,709

Sworn Officer to 1,000 Service Population Ratios

2010 GCPD Ratio: 1.07

(759 Budget limited Sworn / 708.231)

2010 GCPD +GCSO +City Police Ratio: 1.92

(759+559+284 / 833.213)

Note: The total law enforcement ratio, 1.92, is essentially meaningless, in terms of police service level comparisons, for the following reasons:

- GCSO, with rare exception, does not provide 911 response, patrol or investigation services to Gwinnett. Of their 559 sworn Deputies approximately 489 work in the Jail with the remaining 70 assigned to Field Operations.
- Gwinnett city Police Departments, with rare exception, do not provide services to unincorporated Gwinnett. City Police Departments are staffed at a ratio roughly 2.5 times the 2010 GCPD ratio and cover much less geographic area. This results in islands of much denser police service levels within the respective city's borders as compared to police service levels in the surrounding unincorporated area of Gwinnett.