



The Special Enforcement Bureau originally started as the Special Enforcement Detail in 1958 to deal with protests and civil disorder. In the decades since, SEB has grown in size and specialties to become one of the preeminent tactical teams in the United States.

The Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) is responsible for handling high-risk tactical operations involving barricaded suspects, hostage situations, and high-risk warrant services. In addition, SEB provides security for visiting dignitaries and politicians including the President and Vice-President of the United States. Patrol stations and detective units also request SEB to provide "mission specific" police services in problematic areas.

SEB responds to approximately 200-300 tactical operations each year. Because of SEB's capabilities and national recognition, the Unit is called upon to participate in joint operations and training at the national / international level with federal and military units. The primary goal of SEB is to save lives. As such, its expertise is in solving dangerous situations through experience, training, and the use of highly specialized weapons and equipment.

SEB continues to develop and enhance tactics involving the assault of commercial airliners, passenger trains, and maritime vessels where hostages have been taken. SEB continues to stay on the cutting edge in numerous disciplines within the tactical community, such as rural operations, tactical explosive breaching, and aerial assault deployment. In this era of homegrown and international terrorism SEB has also developed a close partnership with the Department's Arson / Explosives Detail and Hazmat Detail.

SEB is a full-time unit that consists of five details: Special Enforcement Detail, Canine Detail, Emergency Services Detail, Arson Explosives Detail, and HazMat Detail. Each Detail is made up of deputies, sergeants, and lieutenants all under the command of the unit commander, a captain. A civilian staff supports the SEB.

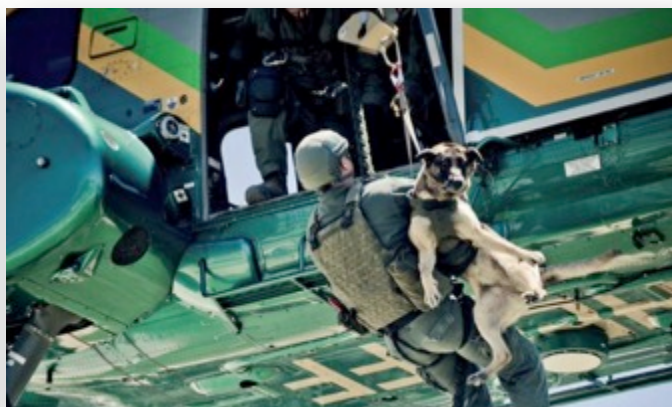
On all operations involving the Special Enforcement Detail (Special Weapons Teams), the team is always assisted by at least two SWAT paramedics (ESD) who are capable of rendering advanced medical aid to victims, deputies and suspects under extremely stressful and hostile conditions. Canine, Bomb Techs, and HazMat personnel, who are also crossed trained as team members, supplement the team. Special Weapons Team members are trained in a variety of disciplines to address the varied working environment of Los Angeles County. Advanced training

consists of rural / mountain operations, maritime interdiction operations, and WMD. Special Weapons Team cadres consist of instructor certified members providing training in hostage recovery, high-risk warrant service, barricaded suspects, armored vehicle tactics, firearms, breaching, technology, rural, maritime interdiction, and WMD.

SEB has developed several tactical courses that are highly sought after. These specialized courses are put on for SEB team members and outside agency tactical teams. These courses include Basic SWAT, Long Rifle, and Tactical Explosive Breaching. Students of these courses come from local, state, federal, and military units.



Canine Detail members are primarily responsible for assisting patrol stations by conducting searches for felony and / or armed suspects with the use of specially trained dogs. The Detail responds to about 350 incidents annually. All Canine members, in addition to completing the Police Canine Officers Course, must complete the SEB Basic SWAT Course. Canine members support the Special Weapons Teams on all hostage rescues, barricaded suspect, and high-risk arrest warrants. Canine members are specialist in urban / rural tracking operations and can be inserted into tactical operations with their dogs via rappel and / or fast rope. Canine members also train and operate in the highly specialized area of maritime interdiction operations. The Canine Detail also conducts a specialized Tactical Canine course on integrating police working dogs with tactical teams.



The Emergency Services Detail is the Department's tactical paramedics and rescue / recovery specialists. The Detail's members are special weapons team members and are trained / certified in the following areas: SWAT / Tactical Operations, Rural / Mountain Rescue, Ocean / Swift Water Rescue, Helicopter-Based Rescue, and Public Safety Diving. Additionally, each member is a licensed paramedic / certified tactical medic and is able to deliver advanced life support care in any of the austere environments SEB deploys in. ESD also maintains cadres with advanced expertise involving instructor level certifications, in the mentioned skill set, to train its own members and those from outside agencies. Advanced specialized training involves Combat Medical, Combat Technical Rescue, Confined Space Rescue / Recovery, Tactical HAZMAT, and advanced underwater recovery operations. ESD also functions as a FEMA asset and has been called on numerous times to offer its expertise and services in California and across the nation involving natural disasters. ESD members have extensive tactical experience and can only be selected after serving with the Special Weapons Teams.



The Arson Explosives Detail provides Los Angeles County, unincorporated areas and contract cities, with fire and explosive investigative, technical, and emergency response services. All Detail members are full-time certified Bomb Technicians and Arson Investigators. The Detail utilizes specialized equipment and certified bomb / arson detection dogs in its investigations. All Detail members, in addition to their bomb and arson certifications, all must complete the SEB Basic SWAT Course and are an integral part of the Team during Tactical incidents involving IEDs, Active Shooter responses, etc. Additionally, several members are certified Public Safety Divers and conduct the specialized the Post Blast Underwater Investigation Course. These specialized divers also assist the SEB Maritime Cadre in Homeland Security Operations involving suspicious devices in the underwater environment.



The HazMat Detail responds to incidents and threats involving chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons. The Detail is full-time and quickly responds to terrorist threats accompanied by a mobile laboratory vehicle to conduct field-testing of suspicious substances. These specialized tests would take several days if the suspicious substances had to be transported to a National Laboratory. The HazMat Detail also incorporates its own working dog in its investigations – the only certified WMD Chemical Biological Detection Canine in the United States. All Detail members, in addition to their HazMat Technician certifications, all must complete the SEB Basic SWAT Course and are an integral part of the Team during Tactical HazMat incidents. Additionally, all members are certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT), Tactical Medics, and Public Safety Divers.



All five Details have their unique training, experience, and expertise. The Details can function on their own in their specialized areas or, as often is the case, come together and respond as a single entity to any threats throughout Los Angeles County.