2-03/030.10 Operational and Tactical Considerations

An armed suspect, rescue attempt or hostage situation can be one of the most operationally sensitive situations faced by members of this Department. A strong command position, as well as strict discipline on the part of all Deputies, is absolutely essential.

Although the presence of a hostage is a complicating factor in these sensitive situations, the initial procedures and tactical considerations are similar.

The basic concepts of the seven **"C"s -- COMMAND, CONTAIN, CONTROL, COMMUNICATE, COORDINATE, CONTINGENCY AND CRITIQUE** -- are applicable, and will serve as a guide for the Branch Supervisor/Incident Commander.

The Supervisor/Incident Commander must be aware that it is critical to share relevant information with leaders of other groups deployed at the scene of a tactical operation. This assists in making the best decision and avoids surprising or endangering personnel with a sudden, unannounced action.