

43.6 Specialized Units

OPERATIONS

STANDARD 43.6 If the agency utilizes specialized units, a written directive specifies the criteria for their deployment and responsibilities. The following provisions must be met:

- A.** A statement of the objectives of their operation and usage;
- B.** Instructions, conditions and limitations of usage;
- C.** Authorization for use in various situations;
- D.** Qualifications;
- E.** Designation of the position responsible for the coordination or supervision of each unit;
- F.** A list of special equipment assigned to each unit; and
- G.** A list of personnel assigned to each unit.

Commentary: A list of specialized units would include, but not be limited to, mounted patrol, canines, SCUBA, SWAT, bomb disposal, aviation and navigation.

Compliance Verification Strategies

Assessors may seek to verify compliance with this standard by using one or more of the strategies listed below. There may be other strategies identified by the agency which could also be acceptable.

1. A copy of the written directive is available for review.
2. A list of the persons assigned to each specialized unit is provided.
3. Training records for personnel assigned to each specialized unit is provided.
4. Initial training and in-service training required for personnel assigned to specialized units is provided.
5. Interview(s) with personnel assigned to these specialized units to verify the accuracy of agency records and the agency's compliance with the standard.
6. Review of records of incident(s) involving specialized units are available for review.