

SWAT Statistics

2020 Operational Tempo (lower due to COVID's impact on large gatherings and activity)

- 147 operations
 - 23 Search Warrants
 - 20 Callouts
 - 23 Quick Response Forces (QRF's), Dignitary operations
 - 76 Group Violence Interventions (GVI) arrests (homicide, violent crimes, etc.)
 - 5 SWAT Demonstrations

2019 Operational Tempo

- 249 operations
 - 90 Search Warrants & Callouts
 - 41 QRF's, Dignitary operations
 - 94 GVI /CAU arrests, including week and month-long surveillance
 - 24 SWAT Demonstrations

Individual money spent of weapons and gear by JSO SWAT Members

The members of JSO SWAT train countless hours to provide the most professional, swiftest response possible while maximizing safety for all. JSO SWAT teams train 4 times per month as a unit, and train outside of that individually.

Depending on the team member and specialty, a SWAT team member spends between \$300 to \$5,500 *out of pocket* on weapons and gear. A typical SWAT member spends between \$300-800 on slings, miscellaneous firearms equipment, pouches, and lights alone.

For example, when Red Dot Sights (RDS) were first allowed, most SWAT team members bought their own Glock pistol and RDS costing more than \$1,000.

Some designated marksmen have bought a 2nd complete AR-15 style rifle with a variable powered optic to further enhance their equipment inventory and make them more tactically proficient. This cost varies from \$3,000 to \$5,500.

Average Salary of a JSO SWAT Member

The average salary for a SWAT team member is around \$50,000. After taxes in Jacksonville this equates to approximately \$42,000/year in take-home pay. What this means is that a JSO SWAT team member is spending up to 10% of his take-home pay on weapons and gear to improve his proficiency, and accuracy in his role to protect the public. In real dollars this means that his annual take-home salary is \$38,000 after supplementing his weapons and gear.

SWAT Weapons Needs:

(10) Staccato P-DPO pistols	\$2,000.00 per =	\$20,000
(10) Delta Point Pro Pistol Red Dots	\$449.00 per =	\$4,490
(4) 308 Exodus Rifle with Optic	\$7,218.94 per =	\$28,875.76
(4) 30 Caliber Thunder Beast Suppressor	\$1,882.00 per =	\$7,528.00

(1) Surefire 50 caliber suppressor		\$2,950.00
(1) Socom muzzle break .50 caliber thread 1/14 (tac50) thread		\$299.00
(1) 338 Rifle with 7 x 35 Nightforce optic		\$8,508.93
(1) 338 rifle suppressor		\$1,795.00
(2) 1-8 Nightforce NX8 variable powered optic	\$1,800.00 per =	\$3600.00
	Total =	\$78,046.69

The reason each of these platforms is needed is as follows:

Staccato pistols with Delta Point Pro Optics have been tested and found far superior to Glocks for accuracy. SWAT members are forced to use pistols on various hostage missions and accuracy is paramount. The current budget allows for 40 Staccato pistols. However, an additional 10 Staccato pistols with red dots offers leeway in case one of the guns or red dots breaks, or in the event that there is an officer involved shooting and the gun is taken out of service as evidence. Additionally, tryouts are held twice a year, so this would allow new members to be issued the same weapons platforms as the rest of the team. The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office Swat Team aims to provide the safest response for the citizens of Jacksonville, and these pistols will help accomplish that mission.

The Exodus .308 sniper rifles with suppressors are a modern more modular set up. These rifles are safer, more accurate, and more reliable than the old Remington 700 rifle. JSO SWAT has been slowly phasing out Remington 700's in the fleet but due to budget constraints only 1 can be phased out per year. This addition would provide all JSO SWAT snipers the opportunity to operate the same, safer weapons platform both in terms of accuracy and safety for the officer.

JSO SWAT has one .50 caliber sniper rifle which is a necessity when it comes to immobilizing vehicles during hostage situations. In the current set up, it is not safe for JSO snipers to deploy with this weapon. Due to the overpressure this rifle puts off without a suppressor the potential for traumatic brain injuries to the officer is high. A suppressor makes this weapon much safer for JSO snipers to use as designed.

The .338 caliber sniper rifle with a suppressor is necessary for large events. SWAT gets tasked with providing Quick Response Forces (QRF) for all Jaguar games and large events around the city. The .338 provides a more accurate round for longer distances which assists those working the events. This weapon provides the safest response possible for the citizens of Jacksonville so they can continue to enjoy these events.