

Building Search Model

(Two officer minimum)

1. Approach

- Verify that a building search is necessary
- Secure a radio frequency
- Set-up containment, request K-9, and key holder
- Deploy firearms and flashlights
- Initiate silent and invisible approach using hard cover

2. Entry

- Knock and announce
- Perform a “quick peek” or ‘slice the pie’ through the point of entry
- Clear fatal funnel using a controlled and simultaneous entry

3. Clear

- Conduct a head high sweep for occupants and challenge any immediate threats
- Identify “dead spaces” as likely hiding spots
- Communicate with your partner
- Turn on interior light(s) if appropriate

4. Search

- Conduct a slow, methodical, deliberate search pattern
- Maintain 360° awareness
- Maintain contact and cover
- Perform quick-peeks or slice the pie for each hall, room, or open area prior to entry
- Use controlled and simultaneous entry for each room
- Maintain noise and light discipline

5. Detention and Extraction

- If suspect(s) is located, illuminate and state your authority, intent, and directive
- Put suspect(s) in the position of greatest disadvantage
- Handcuff as quickly as possible
- Perform complete frisk when safe, and advise right to council
- When scene is safe, update dispatch
- Maintain control of suspect(s)
- Remove suspect(s) from building
- Knock and announce again, re-search building from beginning

6. Investigate

- After all suspects are in custody and building has been searched, perform a final sweep
- Open the radio channel
- Break containment
- Conduct a search incident to arrest, and advise Miranda warnings
- Investigate and process crime scene