



Surveillance Use Policy

ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot
San Diego Police Department

PURPOSE

The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robots are remotely controlled, ground-based robots used to:

1. Support first responders during critical incidents by providing real-time video imagery and live audio.
2. To enable the SWAT unit to deploy chemical agents inside a structure or area remotely.

USE

The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot enables the SWAT unit to provide remote camera observation and imagery along with deployment of chemical agents inside a structure or area remotely during incidents involving:

- Barricaded suspects
- Hostage incidents, and
- High-risk tactical operations

The following rules and processes are required prior to each use of a ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot:

- All requests for ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot support can be initiated by any personnel who are or plan to be a part of a response to support a specific incident or event with a specific support objective.
- A SWAT supervisor must evaluate the request and approve the operation prior to deployment to support each incident. This SWAT supervisor is specially trained to assess the request and determine if the ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot operation will comply with the SDPD's authorized uses for this equipment.
- Only authorized members of the SWAT team shall use or be in possession of the ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot equipment.
- The SWAT unit will ensure that when using ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot, all citizen rights will be strictly observed.

Department Procedures associated with the use of ICOR Mini-Caliber Robot are:

- DP 3.02 – Impound, Release, and Disposal of Property, Evidence, and Articles Missing Identification marks.

DATA COLLECTION

The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot does not automatically record video or take photographs. The robot operator manually controls when the robot will record video or take photographs.

The SWAT unit does not possess the proper equipment to record audio or video for this robot.

The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot can observe live video in both the visual spectrum and infrared spectrum, commonly known as “IR,” “Night Vision,” or “Low-Light” vision and send that video back to the operator's display screen. The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot is equipped with a microphone and can hear live audio and relay that sound back to the operator's controller.



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The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot can collect video and photographic data in the visual spectrum and the infrared spectrum. The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot can collect and record audio data with the microphone. The SWAT unit does not possess the proper equipment to record audio or video for this robot.

The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robots are deployed only to specific incidents with a specific target or specific objective. The ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot operator manually controls the video and audio recording features of the robot and activates them to capture video and audio data based on the objectives and goals of the robot's mission.

During all operations, the Robot Operator is trained to make every effort only to capture visual imagery of the law enforcement contact or intended target of observation to protect the privacy of nearby uninvolved citizens and their property.

This robot has the ability to record, however, the SWAT unit does not have the necessary equipment to make that happen.

DATA ACCESS

The SWAT unit does not possess the proper equipment to record audio or video. The manufacturer does not have the ability to intercept the signal transmission from the robot to the controller.

DATA PROTECTION

The SWAT unit does not possess the proper equipment to record audio or video. The signal from the robot to the controller is on a frequency that is not encrypted.

DATA RETENTION

The SWAT unit does not possess the proper equipment to record audio or video.

PUBLIC ACCESS

The SWAT unit does not possess the proper equipment to record audio or video.

THIRD PARTY DATA SHARING

SWAT Unit personnel do not share ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot collected DME with third-party vendors.

TRAINING

All sworn SWAT Officers designated as ICOR Mini-CALIBER operators shall receive appropriate training. Training should include guidance on using the ICOR Mini-CALIBER, interaction with dispatch and patrol operations, and a review of relevant policies and procedures, including this policy and any applicable case law. Training should also address local, state, and federal laws related to the use of video recording equipment and privacy.



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AUDITING AND OVERSIGHT

The SWAT Supervisor is assigned the primary oversight and approval of each ~~FLIR~~ ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot deployment and operation. This SWAT supervisor is responsible for ensuring all actions by SWAT personnel comply with SDPD Department Procedures and the Surveillance Use Policy for each specific ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot operation.

This technology is also audited by the Assembly Bill 481 report which tracks the usage of the whole department's military related equipment. Furthermore, there are times that an incident commander of a SWAT scene is not part of the SWAT unit but may give permission to use the technology in accordance with this use policy.

MAINTENANCE

SDPD ICOR Mini-CALIBER Robot equipment is inspected prior to every operation to ensure it is in proper working condition.