

455.200 Requirements for execution of warrant authorizing entry without notice.

A warrant issued pursuant to KRS 455.180 shall be executed:

- (1) By law enforcement officers who:
 - (a) Are members of a special weapons and tactics team or special response team, or another established team or unit trained and tasked with resolving high-risk situations and incidents, who have received appropriate training in the execution of arrest and search warrants authorizing entry without notice. In counties having a population of less than ninety thousand (90,000), when, after reasonable inquiry by the law enforcement officer seeking the warrant, members of the special weapons and tactics team or special response team are not available to timely execute the warrant and the court finds by clear and convincing evidence that the risks to the health and safety of the persons executing the warrant, the occupants of the premises, or the public are greater if the warrant is not timely executed, the court may approve the execution of the warrant without members of a special weapons and tactics team or special response team;
 - (b) Are equipped with body-worn cameras, or, in counties having a population of less than ninety thousand (90,000), equipped with other audio-visual or audio recording devices issued by the government, and shall record the entirety of the execution of the warrant with a recording device that meets the requirements of this paragraph; and
 - (c) Are equipped with clearly visible insignia on any protective equipment or clothing that clearly identifies the name of the agency that employs the members of the special weapons and tactics team or special response team;
- (2) In the presence of a uniformed law enforcement officer; and
- (3) With a certified or licensed paramedic or emergency medical technician in proximity and available to provide medical assistance, if needed.

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