

DENVER POLICE DEPARTMENT
SEMI-ANNUAL IMMEDIATE ENTRY WARRANT REPORT

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Period Covered: **01/01/2020 – 06/30/2020**

Criteria	Result
Number of Immediate Entry Warrants Planned	6
Number of Immediate Entry Warrants Completed	6
Number of Forced Entries Made	6

Considerations for Performing an Immediate Entry Warrant:

There are many reasons a detective may submit a warrant for Immediate Entry Status. Most IEWs are granted (by a judge) due to a combination of the reasons listed below. It is important to note that not all IEW signed by a judge are completed as such. This is a tactical decision made by Metro/SWAT based on the best available information, taking into consideration public and officer safety.

- The presence of firearms, especially in conjunction with a suspect who has a violent criminal history.
- An Immediate Entry gives officers an advantage by using the element of surprise. This increases officer safety by deterring violent suspects from arming themselves prior to officers making entry.
- The nature of the crime being investigated such as a violent crime with a weapon or crimes where firearms are commonly used by suspects to protect their illegal enterprise.
- Suspect(s) involved in criminal gang activity.
- The type of evidence to be seized and the likelihood and ease in which that evidence can be destroyed.
- Multiple suspects present – especially those where multiple suspects have violent criminal histories.
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Period Covered: **07/01/2019 – 12/31/2019**

Criteria	Result
Number of Immediate Entry Warrants Planned	11
Number of Immediate Entry Warrants Completed	11
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Period Covered: **01/01/2019 – 06/30/2019**

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Number of Immediate Entry Warrants Planned	17
Number of Immediate Entry Warrants Completed	17
Number of Forced Entries Made	16

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