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From Mr. Bowman:

1. I investigated this a bit further and can confirm that there is a dearth of information regarding how many no-knock warrants Arizona magistrates tend to issue.

- The only relevant [VOX article](#) that I could find, from 2014, claims that over 20,000 warrants are issued each year, nationwide. However, it is not clear where they got this figure from and, regardless, it is unhelpful. For instance, the article also claims that New York City is responsible for 450 no-knock warrants per month, which is over a quarter of the nationwide figure.
- A few articles (such as this [AZFamily article](#)) generally claim that no-knock warrants are rarely sought or granted in Arizona--but they never provide a basis for this claim. However, the claim is believable, considering that they have only been statutorily authorized in Arizona for about two decades.

From staff:

2. “The initial results show that many departments use dynamic entry almost by default. SWAT units in Utah did so in 61 percent of 1,016 deployments reported in 2014 and 2015. About 40 percent of the warrants they served were no-knocks, usually for drugs, mostly at night.

“Maryland had a similar reporting requirement from 2010 to 2014, inspired by a botched raid that resulted in the shooting of two dogs at the home of the mayor of Berwyn Heights. More than 90 percent of 8,249 SWAT deployments during those years were to serve search warrants, and more than two-thirds involved forcible entry. Firearms were discharged in 99 operations, civilians were killed in nine and injured in 95, officers were injured in at least 30 and animals were killed in 14.”

Source: [New York Times, March 18, 2017.](#)

3. “1,815 search warrants were approved by the courts last year, 1,144 were no-knock.” [Staff note: This article suggests that more than 60% of the approved warrants in New York City in 2020 were no knock.]

Source: [New York Post](#), April 15, 2021

4. “The growth in militarized policing has been steep and deep. In the mid-1980s, a mere 30 percent of police agencies had a SWAT team. Today well over 80 percent of departments, large and small, have one. In the early 1980s, these agencies

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conducted approximately 3,000 deployments a year nationwide. Today I estimate a very conservative figure of 60,000 per year. And it is critical to recognize that these 60,000 deployments are mostly for conducting drug searches on people's private residences.”

Source: Testimony of Peter B. Kraska, Ph.D., Professor, School Of Justice Studies, University Of Eastern Kentucky, Before [the Committee On Homeland Security And Governmental Affairs, United States Senate](#)