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Importance: [REDACTED]

This assessment comes from a very knowledgeable individual, [REDACTED]. His time and experience with SAU and tactics makes this assessment valid beyond words! A few weeks ago, in light of all of the assassinations of many high ranking Mexican police officers in Mexico, the moving of drug cartel families north of the Mexico/US border (read: Arizona) to protect themselves from opposing murderous cartels; this very type of incident was predicted to arrive here in Phoenix shortly. The use of military tactics by former Mexican military personnel hired by the cartels and used very effectively and efficiently in Mexico against other cartels and police officers, now at first blush appears to be a reality here in Phoenix. Thank God that SAU Officer [REDACTED] was on scene and recognized an ambush in the making. The recognition undoubtedly saved PPD lives last night. The face of the drug war in Phoenix had a Good Guy endgame this time, but each of us must be ever so much more aware that the cartels have not been reluctant to take the fight to the Mexican authorities and we would be "dead" wrong to assume that they respect or fear us any more than our counterparts in Old Mexico. Safe houses and arms caches will need to be secured by these criminals and please respond to emergency traffic with caution when there are drug overtones involved. We have a very multicultural population in Phoenix that lends itself to criminals being able to blend in easily and not arouse suspicion. In light of this incident and with the expectation of future incidents involving military tactics being used to assault our officers, might I recommend that we enlist some of our present and past military personnel to assist with a training block regarding the recognition and response to military tactic? Please be careful. [REDACTED]

