

3.1.5.4 Bomb/Hazardous Device Threat or Confirmed Incidents



YOUR ORGANIZATION
STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES

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1.0 POLICY REFERENCE

CFR

NFPA

NIMS

2.0 PURPOSE

This standard operating procedure/guideline addresses procedures for bomb threat incidents: agency responsibilities, mutual aid assistance, points of contact, bomb squad response protocols, evacuation of civilians, hoax procedures (phone threats), communication policy, preservation of evidence.

3.0 SCOPE

This SOP/SOG pertains to all personnel in this organization.

4.0 DEFINITIONS

These definitions are pertinent to this SOP/SOG.

5.0 PROCEDURES/GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

5.1 Procedures for Bomb Threat Incidents:

BACKGROUND

Explosives are “any compound or mixture, or device containing such a compound or mixture designed to explode. The result is a release of gas, heat, and pressure.” After an explosion has occurred, even the remnants of explosive materials may be extremely sensitive and may present a secondary explosive hazard.

The “Cardinal Rule” of response to Class 1 Explosive materials: if the storage area or cargo compartment is involved in fire, evacuate the area immediately, stop traffic, clear the area of responders and the public for at least 1 mile in all directions, and let it burn.

- Class 1 Divisions:**
- 1.1 Explosives with a mass explosion hazard
 - 1.2 Explosives with a projection hazard
 - 1.3 Explosives with predominantly a fire hazard
 - 1.4 Explosives with no significant blast hazard
 - 1.5 Very insensitive explosives w/ mass explosion hazard
 - 1.6 Extremely insensitive articles

Considerations:

- Exposure to heat, shock, or contamination could result in an explosion
- Fire may produce irritating, corrosive and / or toxic gases
- Request Bomb Squad when incident involves explosives or explosive devices
- Always consider the possibility of secondary devices when responding to incidents involving explosive devices

Response Objectives:

- No fire**
- Isolate area and establish perimeter 1/3 mile in all directions
 - Request assistance from Bomb Squad
 - Do not touch, move, or disturb material until Bomb Squad is consulted
 - For large spills consider initial evacuation of 1/2 mile in all directions
- Fire**
- Request assistance from Bomb Squad
 - Try to prevent fire from reaching cargo area
 - If storage area or cargo compartment is involved in fire, evacuate the area immediately, stop traffic, clear the area of responders and the public for at least 1 mile in all directions, and let it burn

5.2 Agency Responsibilities:

5.3 Mutual Aid Assistance:

5.4 Points of Contact:

5.5 Bomb Squad Response Protocols:

5.6 Evacuation of Civilians:

5.7 Hoax Procedures (Phone Threats):

5.8 Communication Policy:

5.9 Preservation of Evidence: