

Suspicious Package/Device

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines and procedures for the dispatch and response of Fire Department units to support the Police Department on certain bomb situations.

SCOPE:

1. The Fire Department shall respond to support the Police Department on bomb situations when requested; for example, where a suspicious package has been discovered that is going to be opened or deactivated by bomb disposal personnel.
 - a. The on-scene Police Supervisor will assess the situation and determine if there is a need for a response by the Fire Department.
 - b. Police Supervisors have been requested to notify Fire Alarm in sufficient time to allow Fire Department units to arrive and assess the situations.
2. The initial Fire Department response to an incident of this type will be as follows:
 - One Engine
 - One Rescue
 - RRV
3. Fire Alarm will dispatch the Fire Department for all bomb scares.

PROCEDURES:

1. The on-scene Police Supervisor shall provide Fire Alarm with the location of the Police Command Post.
2. The Fire Department Incident Commander shall report to the Police Command Post to be further briefed on the situation.

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3. The Fire Department Incident Commander shall operate a Unified Command with the Police Incident Commander and shall be responsible for the operations of all Fire Department units on the scene.
4. Police personnel will direct the bomb search and initiate evacuation if necessary.
5. If detonation should occur, any resulting fire, collapse, rescue, etc., shall be the responsibility of the Fire Department.
6. If the suspect package is determined not to be an explosive device the Fire and Police Incident Commanders shall determine if the Hazardous Materials Team should investigate the package.