

## Standard Operating Guidelines

### Guideline 507.0 Explosives, Bombs, and Bomb Threats



#### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this Standard Operating Guideline is to define the Bryan Fire Department's role in reported bomb threats and response to explosive devices and or bombs.

#### **Guideline:**

##### Bomb Threats

Most bomb threats to industries, businesses and or schools are for the purpose of disruption of work and or school. Most threats are made directly to the industry, business, and or school and they in turn contact the emergency forces. If the threat comes to us, try to obtain as much information as possible, including but not limited to type device, how activated, location of device, voice of caller, background noise etc.

On receipt of a bomb threat the dispatcher will notify the on duty Police Supervisor and the Fire Department Duty Officer of the threat. The Fire Department Duty Officer will respond to the location (non emergency) and will report to the Police Supervisor on the scene. The Fire Department Duty Officer will assist the Police Department in any way possible, but will not search the property for bombs or explosive devices.

The building owner, manager, supervisor or other responsible person in charge (management) will be informed that the decision to evacuate the building, shut down operations and or to close, is their decision, we will not order any of the above done unless a suspicious device is found. Management will arrange for their personnel to search their work areas for suspicious packages etc. Those persons doing the search will be advised that if they find anything suspicious in their work area, they are not to touch or move it, they should notify the Police and Fire personnel at the scene. All explosive, Bombs, Dynamite, etc, should be left in place "don't touch"

If no devices are found Police and Fire personnel may leave the scene.

##### Explosive devices, Bombs, Dynamite

The area surrounding the explosive device should be evacuated of all personnel, including Police and Fire personnel to a safe distance, determined by the type device and amount of explosive. The minimum distance is 500 feet.

The Bryan Fire Department will dispatch a General Alarm and an EMS unit and Supervisor will be dispatched.

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Depending on the type of explosive or device a "Bomb Squad" will be called and the area kept evacuated until it is clear and made safe by the "Bomb Squad". This may take several hours.

All personnel, police, fire, EMS, shall be briefed about the dangers of the type explosive found. Most personnel do not have a good idea about the potential dangers of explosives.

The Department of the Treasury's, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms will be notified of the explosive and or devices.

The Bryan Police Department and or Sheriff's Department shall start an investigation and take statements etc. to determine the type of explosive, how made, type detonators, use etc. Personnel may be charged with State and or Federal Criminal Charges.

#### Fire Department Response To A Suspicious Device

The Bryan Fire Department will dispatch a General Alarm assignment.

All equipment and personnel will stage at least 500 feet or farther from the scene and stand by. Engines will stage near fire hydrants if available.

All personnel will have full turnout gear and be ready for fire attack, if the explosives detonate.

Radios and cellular phones shall not be used within 300 feet of the scene. Blasting caps, electric detonators etc. may be set off by these.

#### **Fire Department personnel will not handle explosives.**

**BEWARE OF POSSIBLE SECONDARY EXPLOSIVE DEVICES**