

BOMB THREATS		TROY FIRE DEPT. TACTICAL PLAN 208.09	
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PURPOSE

The following policy is established to provide guidelines for handling bomb threats and bomb removal.

PROCEDURE

Whenever the police department receives a report of a bomb threat, the fire department Duty Officer shall be notified by Dispatch. The police department is responsible for gathering information from the site and is responsible for helping the building representative in searching the premises for a suspicious device. When no device is found, there is no response needed by the fire department.

When a suspicious device is found, a response by the fire department is required. The Duty Officer will coordinate with the police Incident Commander who shall be the overall Incident Commander. The Duty Officer will be available to help with the coordination of tasks such as fire station response, staging, evacuation, property protection, personal and public safety, etc. The Duty Officer shall report to the Command Post and remain at the Command post until the incident is stabilized or relieved by a higher ranking fire officer.

Fire station(s) shall be placed on "standby" when, the Duty Officer determines it necessary, or when requested by the bomb removal team. When a fire station is placed on standby status, all available personnel shall report to the station. The ranking officer or senior member of each station will notify the Duty Officer when the station is staffed and report the number of personnel present. A minimum of two firefighters per each apparatus should be achieved prior to notification. The Duty Officer will coordinate the fire station's response and staging of apparatus.

A minimum 600 foot perimeter surrounding the immediate incident, known as the HOT ZONE, will be set up. This zone shall be established by the Police Department. Entry to this area shall be strictly controlled and monitored by the police officers assigned. NO ONE MAY ENTER THIS PERIMETER WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE INCIDENT COMMANDER. NO RADIO, MOBILE COMPUTER, CELLULAR PHONE, PAGERS WITH TRANSMIT CAPABILITY, OR OTHER SIMILAR DEVICE THAT RECIEVES OR TRANSMITS AN RF SIGNAL SHALL BE IN THE HOT ZONE.

Under no circumstance shall a member utilize a "bomb blanket" or otherwise cover, move or disturb a suspected device. Firefighters are cautioned that this includes "pressure bombs" consisting of bottles with acid and aluminum foil. While these devices may appear to be harmless, some have proven to be very powerful.

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CONSIDERATIONS

Bombs can be made to detonate in a variety of ways, i.e., change in lighting, movement, vibration, and sound. Bombs can also detonate for what may seem to be no apparent reason. Detonations can be caused by static electricity discharges. An emergency worker does not need to touch the device to cause the static discharge. Simply being close to the device can cause the discharge and resulting detonation. In some terrorist-type actions, a second bomb is planted and set to detonate after the first. The second bomb is made to catch emergency workers off guard.

The Police Department may request an evacuation of a site. To accomplish this the Fire Chief or his designee has the authority to order the said evacuation as granted under Section 29.7a of P.A. 207 of Michigan State Law.