

BLACKWOOD FIRE COMPANY OPERATING GUIDELINE

1.13 INCIDENT RESPONSE - BOMB THREATS/EXPLOSIVE EMERGENCIES

- 1.13.1 Bomb Threat / Explosive Emergencies are the responsibility of the police department. Therefore, the senior police official (usually the GTPD shift supervisor) will be the Incident Commander. The senior FD officer will be designated Fire Branch (FB).
- 1.13.2 The FB shall designate a Level II Staging area a safe distance from the threatened area. Apparatus will respond to this location at reduced speed. Where applicable, apparatus will be staged in quarters. Radio transmissions will be curtailed to reduce the threat from radio activated detonators.
- 1.13.3 The FB should respond to the Command Post and receive a briefing from the IC. Further assignment of apparatus and crews will be based on the information provided at the briefing.
- 1.13.4 For legitimate threats, the FB should ensure that sufficient apparatus and staffing are available to handle a possible detonation at the threatened structure. Water supply locations, building pre-plans and other applicable information sources should be consulted.
- 1.13.5 Under no circumstances shall a member assist or engage in a search for a suspected explosive device, nor should any member assist or engage in the removal of a suspected explosive device from a structure.
- 1.13.6 Should an explosion occur, FD operations must proceed with extreme caution, as more than one device may be present. FD operations should be limited to life saving measures and exposure protection until reasonably assured the area is safe.

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