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CRAIG POLICE DEPARTMENT
Office of Chief of Police
General Order

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Subject: Bomb Threats/ Explosives	Reference: CACP STD.150.1
To: All Officers	

I. Policy

While many bomb threats are later determined to be hoaxes, they all present particularly serious response requirements for law enforcement agencies. It is the policy of this agency that all responses to bomb threats or emergencies be conducted systematically, efficiently and in a manner that gives primary consideration to the protection of human life. Additionally, officers must be able to properly investigate bomb threats/emergencies in order to apprehend those responsible.

II. Definitions

Bomb Threat: When an explosive device has been reported or is suspected to be at a given location.

Bomb Emergency: When a suspected or actual explosive device has been located or detonated.

III. Procedure

A. No Communication Device Should Be Used Within 1000 Feet Of The Location. Do Not Turn On Or Off Any Electrical Switches Or Devices. Do Not Handle Any Suspected Bombs.

B. If There Is An Actual Bombing, Watch For Secondary Devices.

C. Responding Officer's Responsibilities

1. The officer will maintain a professional demeanor to avoid public panic.
2. The officer will attempt to contact the individual receiving the threat and obtain all the information to complete the Bomb Threat Report Form, (If this wasn't obtained by the Communications Center.)
3. The officer will notify the shift supervisor of the threat.
4. The officer will ensure that the Fire Department and EMS have been notified of the threat. It is at the officer's discretion as to whether they respond, or are placed on standby.

5. Provide information to the property owner/responsible party of available resources to assist on situation.

D. Searching for Explosive Device(s)

1. The decision to search, evacuate or to re-enter a structure/location during a bomb threat will be the responsibility of the individual in charge of the property.

a. Only in cases when an actual or suspected explosive device(s) are found will department personnel order an evacuation.

2. If the responsible party does not wish that a search be conducted, the department will take no further action. The role of law enforcement is to provide information to the responsible party. Management's decision to not search shall be documented in the CSP incident screen or officer's report, whichever is applicable.

3. If the responsible party requests a search be conducted, it will be conducted with assistance of employees or individuals knowledgeable of the contents and layout of the building.

4. Under no circumstances shall agency personnel declare that no bomb is present, or in any way represent that the building is safe to occupy, no matter how thorough the search.

ANYONE SEARCHING WILL BE BRIEFED ON THE SEARCH PLAN AND TOLD NOT TO TOUCH ANYTHING THAT IS SUSPECTED TO BE AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE

E. Located Explosive Devices

1. If a real or suspicious device has been located, or suspected material has been located the officer should:

a. Not attempt to disarm or move the device.

b. Proceed with immediate evacuation of location.

c. Define and secure a perimeter.

d. Notify the Grand Junction EOD. If they are not available notify the 764th Explosive Ordinance Disposal Company, Fort Carson and request assistance. The officer should be prepared to describe the device to the EOD personnel.

2. The officers will assist the EOD personnel as needed. The EOD personnel will dispose of any suspected devices.

3. The FBI must be notified of any actual bombings and will investigate any bomb detonations that occur in schools or federal installations.

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