

TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

CHAPTER 2: STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

Part 1: Response Guidelines

Subject: Explosives (Bomb) Response

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- 26.01 Purpose. To provide a policy regarding actual or potential responses to explosives.
- 26.02 Goal. To provide a guideline for handling emergencies that involves bomb threats or other explosives.
- 26.03 Response. Township Fire Department will immediately notify the Eau Claire Sheriff's Department that we have been advised of a possible bomb and/or explosive situation.
- 26.04 Township Fire Department shall respond only as requested by the Sheriffs Department for the following reasons:
- A) To standby for fire suppression.
 - B) An explosion has occurred and fire suppression and/or rescue is needed.
 - C) Assistance is requested for organizing a bomb search. Primary responsibility for this search belongs to the property owner.
- 26.05 Evacuation: The decision to evacuate a building or area will be made by the owner or occupant, unless a device is found on the premises.
- 26.06 Action: Township Fire Department personnel are NOT to touch, move, disarm or detonate any suspected explosive device. Personnel are to avoid use of electronic devices, such as portable radios and cell phones, within 600 feet of the incident to reduce the potential of detonation if a device is found. When an explosive device is found, notify one of the following Bomb Disposal Teams:
- 1) Minneapolis Bomb Squad
 - a. 612-673-2345 – ask for Communications Supervisor to page the bomb squad.
 - b. 612-348-7240 – Minneapolis 911 Center
 - c. 612-673-3063 – Wally Krueger, Bomb Squad Supervisor (Daytime hours)
 - 2) Marathon County Bomb Squad
 - a. 715-849-7785 – Lt's Desk
 - b. 715-261-1200 - Dispatch

When contacting the EOD, the following information will be requested:

- A) Situation and location of device.
- B) Description - length, diameter, color, markings, and accessories.