

SPRINGFIELD FIRE DEPARTMENT

Series 800

Title:	Suspected Explosive Devices	802
Category:	Fire Operations	7/2017

OBJECTIVE

To establish tactical guidelines for suspected explosive devices.

RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Dispatcher:

Upon report of a bomb threat the dispatcher shall notify the highest ranking fire official via telephone or the alpha-numeric paging system. This will be for general information only. Upon notification that a suspected device has been located, the dispatcher shall dispatch appropriate fire apparatus. Every attempt should be made to respond each apparatus with adequate staffing. Each unit shall respond non-emergency unless otherwise directed by incident commander. As each engine responds to the staging location, the dispatcher shall be notified of that unit's response, as well as indicating the incident location and number of personnel aboard.

B. Unified Command and First Arriving Apparatus:

First officer or unit arriving shall establish a staging area not less than 1000 feet away from the device or involved structure. Command shall be established. The incident commander shall then take all fire ground operations to another available channel.

C. The Second Arriving Apparatus:

The second arriving engine, unless otherwise directed, shall establish a staged water supply remote from the staging area. The second engine shall advise the incident commander of their location and state of readiness.

Under no circumstance shall electronic transmitting devices be used within one thousand (1000) feet of the suspected device (i.e. utilizing time, distance and shielding). The incident commander shall report to the police department incident commander. Consideration should be given for the possibility of a secondary or multiple devices

Personnel shall not respond to the scene in their personal vehicle. The exception to this would be the one officer in a private vehicle to be determined by department guideline.