

**Sanoca Rural Fire District, Inc.**  
**STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE**  
**Emergency Operations**

**Fire Company Operations**

**Subject: Bomb Threats**

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**PURPOSE**

To establish a Fire Department policy on the operational performance and duties of personnel in response to a report of bomb threats.

**POLICY**

In order for the utmost safety all fire department personnel shall be familiar with this policy.

**Notification of Fire Dept**

The Wilson 911 Center will **not** dispatch a bomb threat over the radio. Their procedure is to contact a fire dept officer by phone, alpha-numeric pager, or by radio as a last resort. If they cannot reach an officer by these means, they will tone the fire department and request a member call 911. Under no circumstance shall any member give any information about the type of call or location over the radio. If the situation warrants, the fire department tone will be transmitted and all available members will be requested to report to the fire station. The Wilson County Sheriff's Office will also be notified by 911.

**Response**

When notification of a bomb threat has been given, all apparatus will respond routine traffic to the area. The first arriving unit will check all units on the scene no less than 1000 feet from the scene. No other units will use their radios unless the situation has been deemed safe by the incident commander. The first arriving unit will establish command and make an attempt to locate the property owner. All other apparatus shall report to a staging area, preferably Level 2 Staging..

**On Scene (Business and Residential, etc.)**

Command shall be established. All personnel shall be dressed in appropriate protective clothing. Accountability procedures shall be used. Priority shall be to evacuate the building. Await for Sheriff's Office arrival and allow them entry to the scene. They and/or building managers will assume a search of the

premises. Coordinate efforts for large or multiple occupancy buildings.

\*Coordinate with law enforcement personnel concerning the establishment of an operational perimeter. (Remember unauthorized persons shall not be allowed inside the operational perimeter.)

\*Stand by and await instructions from law enforcement.

\*If an explosion and/or fire occurs, be aware that secondary explosions will likely occur.

\*Utilize any available protective cover during firefighting operations.

\*During emergency operations and overhaul, be alert for additional explosive devices.(this could be anything that may seem suspicious or out of place). If and object that is suspicious is located, DO NOT TOUCH OR REMOVE IT notify the Incident Commander.

\*The Wilson Police Dept has a qualified Bomb Detection K-9. The request for deployment of the K-9 shall be the responsibility of law enforcement or at the discretion of the incident commander.

### **Explosives Brought to the Fire Station**

In the event that any person brings a suspected bomb, explosive device, or any other suspicious device to the fire station, members shall conform to the following:

\*Secure the area around the device

\*Notify law enforcement BY TELEPHONE

\*Evacuate personnel and apparatus from the station

\*Obtain identification and all pertinent information from the person bringing in the device

\*DO NOT USE RADIOS OR CELL PHONES NEAR ANY SUSPECTED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE.

### **Notification of Bomb Squad or Bomb Disposal Unit**

It shall be the responsibility of law enforcement to notify Fort Bragg for the Bomb Squad or the Ordinance Disposal Unit. Deviation from this shall reside solely with the Fire Chief.