
Emergency Operations

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5.01 Purpose

To establish guidelines for the operations of Jersey Village Emergency Services at incidents involving bombs or explosives.

5.02 Policy

This policy shall be followed when Jersey Village Emergency Services is dispatched to or receives a bomb threat at another location, explosives are brought to the station and/or explosives are encountered during routine or emergency operations.

5.03 Responsibility

Operations concerning explosives and bombs are the responsibility of Jersey Village Police Services

5.04 Definitions

For the purposes of this document “Explosives and Bombs” shall not include commercially available fireworks.

5.05 Procedure

- a. Bomb Threats
 1. The Emergency Services will respond to bomb threats when notified by Communications or by anonymous caller.
 2. Apparatus shall respond non-emergency to a level one (1) staging area and await further instructions.
 3. The JVES Officer in Charge shall make contact with the law enforcement officer in charge and coordinate operation with him/her.
 4. Coordinate with law enforcement personnel concerning the establishment of an operational perimeter.
 5. Do not become involved in the police function of search and evacuation unless there has already been an actual explosion.
 6. Do not become involved in bomb disposal operations.
 7. If an explosion and/or fire occurs, be aware that secondary explosions could occur.

8. In bomb threat situations, normally the decision to search for the bomb or to evacuate the building rests with the law enforcement agency involved.
9. Remember that radio transmissions may initiate detonation of some types of explosive devices.
10. During emergency operations and overhaul, be alert for additional explosive devices (this could be anything that seems out of place). If an object is suspected of being an explosive device, do not touch it or allow anyone else to touch it. Notify (not by radio) law enforcement and the Incident Commander immediately

b. Explosives Brought to the Fire Station

In the event that a person brings a suspected bomb, explosive device, etc. into the fire station, JVES personnel shall be guided by the following:

1. Secure the area around the device.
2. Notify Police Services by telephone, not by radio.
3. Evacuate personnel and apparatus.
4. Do not use radios in the immediate area as they could detonate the device.
5. Obtain identification and all pertinent information from person(s) at the scene until Police Services arrives.

c. Explosives Encountered During Routine or Emergency Operations

Whenever explosives, suspected bombs or explosive devices are encountered during routine or emergency operations, JVES personnel shall be guided by the following:

1. Refrain from touching or moving the device.
2. Evacuate the immediate area and establish an operational perimeter.
3. Allow no unauthorized personnel within the operational perimeter.
4. Contact Communications and request Police Services (utilize radios only from a distance of at least 200' away to avoid possible detonation.)