
LAURENS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

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SUBJECT: BOMB THREATS

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EFFECTIVE DATE: 09/28/2005 REVISED DATE:

I. PURPOSE:

To provide uniform procedures for handling bomb threats and to provide information on bomb or explosive disposal.

II. GENERAL PROCEDURES:

- A. Whenever a bomb threat is received either by phone or by a complainant, the person receiving the information should make attempts to establish the following:
1. Location of explosive or bomb;
 2. Time set;
 3. Type of explosive;
 4. Reason;
 5. Other relevant information;
- B. The person receiving a bomb threat shall immediately notify the Sheriff/Chief Deputy and 911 for emergency procedures.
- C. The Sheriff/Chief Deputy shall respond to the location and inform the person in Charge of the bomb threat if they are not already aware of it. It is their decision whether an evacuation is necessary and how it is to be done. This Department is there to assist as needed.

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III. BUILDING SEARCHES:

- A. A search of the premises shall be conducted by Law Enforcement personnel along with personnel from the location of the bomb threat. If a box, container or other item is located, that is a bomb or is reasonably assumed to be a bomb, emergency personnel that have bomb handling training will be called.
When search procedures are being conducted, radio transmissions from the search area should be terminated until the search is complete.
- B. Upon location of unknown device (s) the Sheriff/Chief Deputy shall:
1. Notify the Fire Department and Emergency Medical Service Personnel;
 2. Notify all Law Enforcement personnel to establish a perimeter;
- D. If an explosion occurs causing major damage or injury, this Department shall follow the guidelines of the Laurens County Emergency Management personnel.
- E. Once the bomb has been safely removed the Chief Deputy shall complete or cause to be completed a report on the incident.


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SHERIFF

9/28/2005

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