

Bomb Threat/Explosion

2608.1 BOMB THREAT

Jail Operations staff will handle bomb threats in a calm, thorough and expedient manner in order to minimize the disruption of facility operations. In the event of an explosion, the staff will ensure facility security, provide first aid to the injured and help return the facility to full operation quickly.

- (a) If any employee receives a bomb threat by telephone, they should make notes of the caller's sex, accent, background noises, and exact words used. They will attempt to ascertain the type of bomb, time of detonation and location.
- (b) The employee should stay on the phone as long as the caller stays on the line but must immediately notify a co-worker.
- (c) Notification must be made to the Watch Commander.
- (d) The Watch Commander will notify the Patrol Watch Commander and the Main Control Deputies.
- (e) Main Control will dispatch available Deputies to check the alleged location of the device and all public access areas outside security.
- (f) Main Control will notify all personnel via intercom to cease pac set radio use and operation of electrical doors pending the search activities.
- (g) The building exterior will be searched by the Visiting SSOs.
- (h) If no device was located, the Watch Commander will direct Main Control to notify all personnel to resume normal operations.
- (i) A designated employee will write the appropriate crime report and interview witnesses.

2608.2 WHEN A SUSPECTED DEVICE IS LOCATED

- (a) No one will touch the item under any circumstances. The area around the device will be evacuated (beside, beneath and overhead) and immediate notification will be made to the Watch Commander and Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- (b) Staff and/or inmates will be moved a safe distance away from a suspected device (50 feet minimum).
- (c) The Hazardous Devices Squad (HDS) will respond to evaluate and/or dispose of the device. HDS members will also advise facility personnel if further movement away from the device is required.
- (d) Evacuation of the facility may be deemed necessary.

2608.3 BOMB EXPLOSION

- (a) If a bomb explodes at the facility, Main Control will be informed. The Watch Commander and EOC will be notified by the Main Control Deputies.
- (b) Deputies and medical staff will be sent to provide control and first aid in the damaged area. Staff must immediately check the area for a second device upon arrival.

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- (c) The Fire Department will also be summoned, with the approval of the Watch Commander.
- (d) All normal functions will cease immediately in any damaged area. Inmates will be secured in a safe area.
- (e) Injured inmates will be treated at the facility or moved to the hospital if necessary.
- (f) Injured members of the public will be given immediate first aid. Upon arrival of the fire department, the public's medical attention will be turned over to the paramedics.
- (g) The damaged area will be secured. Only authorized persons will be allowed entry. The damaged area will be treated as a crime scene. Preserve any evidence of a bomb for the Crime Lab and Investigative Units.
- (h) The extent of the damage will be preliminarily assessed to determine if inmates need to be assigned an alternate housing location.