



GALENA FIRE DEPARTMENT
Standard Operating Guideline
BOMB AND EXPLOSION THREAT

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Purpose: To establish standards for GFD operations for bomb and explosion threats, including responsibility, precautions, and safety considerations.

In the event of a Bomb Threat, GFD shall be considered a secondary responder responsible for fire scene incident command, suppression activities, and emergency rescue. Dispatch will notify GFD of a bomb threat and place fire units on standby. GFD and EMS will respond only at the request of the Police Department (PD) or Sheriff's Office (SO) Officer-in-Charge (OIC).

Units responding to Bomb Threats will respond with no warning lights or sirens.

In preparation of a search, the PD or SO OIC will request the dispatch of GFD personnel to standby in the immediate vicinity of the endangered area, preferably in a designated staging area. An Incident Command Post will be established and staffed by GFD personnel.

The PD or SO shall decide whether to evacuate the premises after consultation with the property owner, if available.

In the event that the GFD is requested at the scene, Dispatch shall advise all responding units to cease radio and cell phone communications three (3) blocks from the threatened structure. Units will observe radio and cell phone silence until the PD or SO advises that electronic communication is again allowed. The OIC of the first responding GFD unit shall meet face-to-face contact with the PD or SO OIC.

No search shall be conducted until GFD has arrived on the scene and the fire vehicles are in place for optimum response in the case of explosion and/or fire.

If an explosive device(s) is found, the PD or SO OIC shall immediately notify the GFD Incident Commander to share information concerning the type and number of explosive devices, or other hazards, as well as the location of where the suspected device(s), or other hazards, are located.

GFD suppression and rescue apparatus will be on-scene and operationally ready to function prior to detonation of any explosive material by bomb disposal personnel.

In the event of an explosion or fire, regardless of the reason, the GFD Incident Commander shall be in charge of the fire rescue operations, at which time scene 'Command' will be transferred from the PD or SO OIC to the GFD Incident Commander, and the PD or SO OIC, as well as EMS will then assist and support the GFD Incident Commander as needed.

An Emergency Response (warning lights and siren) will only be used after an explosion has occurred.

Once all fire operations are completed, scene command and control shall be transferred to the PD or SO OIC, and scene control secured and maintained by the PD or SO, and GFD units will prepare to return to quarters, unless otherwise directed by the GFD Incident Commander.

GFD units shall allow the use of radio and cell phones use upon confirmation that all explosive devices are either discounted, accounted for and detonated, or otherwise deemed safe by deactivation.