


PBP FORM 290  PITTSBURGH BUREAU OF POLICE <i>"...accountability, integrity and respect."</i>		SUBJECT: BOMBS/BOMB THREATS/EXPLOSIVES/ POST BLASTS/ SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES	ORDER NUMBER: 42-6
		PLEAC STANDARD: 2.2.1	PAGE 1 OF 3
REVISE DATE: 3/17/2016	EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/26/2012	ANNUAL REVIEW DATE: OCTOBER	RESCINDS: ALL PREVIOUS
		AMENDS: 120-6	

1.0 POLICY OR PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this policy is to prescribe a course of action that members of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police shall take for all incidents involving bombs, bomb threats, explosives, post blasts, and suspicious packages.
- 1.2 The primary concerns for members of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police responding to calls for [REDACTED] are the protection of life and property, and to coordinate the efforts of the Bureau of Police with other responding agencies.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Bomb Containment Unit – A device specially constructed for the containment and transportation of explosive materials.
- 2.1 [REDACTED]
- 2.2 [REDACTED]
- 2.3 [REDACTED]
- 2.4 Hazardous Devices Technician – Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Bomb Squad members who have attended both Hazardous Materials Technician Training and Hazardous Devices School and meet the following criteria:
 - 2.3.1 Currently a member of the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police Bomb Squad in good standing;
 - 2.3.2 Certified as a Bomb Technician by the Federal Bureau of Investigation,
 - 2.3.3 Currently meets all Bomb Squad certifications and standards, and
 - 2.2.4 Maintains all certifications as required by Hazardous Devices School.

3.0 PROCEDURES FOR [REDACTED] CALLS

- 3.1 Any Officer who encounters or receives information of a suspicious package or device will immediately notify the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
 - 3.1.1 [REDACTED]
 - 3.1.2 [REDACTED]
 - 3.1.3 The EOC will also alert any supporting local, county, state, or federal agencies as indicated in the EOC notification matrix or when warranted.
- 3.2 [REDACTED]

3.3 [REDACTED]

3.4 [REDACTED]

3.5 [REDACTED]

3.6 The Hazardous Devices Technician will determine which procedures should be conducted on the device.

3.7 The highest-ranking police officer on the scene shall be the Incident Commander, and as such, shall be in command of the incident until specifically relieved by a supervisor. [REDACTED]

3.7.1 The Senior Hazardous Devices Technician will assume responsibility and tactical command for all Bomb Squad functions pertaining to the incident. The Zone Incident Commander, or higher-ranking PBP official, will assume overall responsibility for the incident, and will insure coordination any other responding unit or agency.

3.8 Bomb Squad Operational Considerations by priority are as follows:

- 3.8.1 Public safety;
- 3.8.2 Safety of the public safety personnel onscene;
- 3.8.3 Protection and preservation of property;
- 3.8.4 Collection and preservation of evidence;
- 3.8.5 Convenience to the public and restoration of services.

3.9 A PBP Form #2.0, "Offense Report", PBP Form #3.0, "Investigative Report", and any additional required reports shall be completed by the assigned Zone officer.

3.9.1 Upon completion, all [REDACTED] reports shall be faxed to the Bomb Squad.

3.10 Investigations of [REDACTED] will be investigated by the Bomb Squad.

3.11 Investigations of [REDACTED] calls will be investigated by the Bomb Squad and Arson.

4.0 PROCEDURES FOR BOMB REMOVAL

4.1 [REDACTED]

4.2 [REDACTED]

5.0 PROCEDURES FOR [REDACTED] CALLS

5.1 Any Officer that encounters or receives information of a bomb threat will immediately notify the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

- 5.1.1 [REDACTED]
- 5.1.2 [REDACTED]

5.2 [REDACTED]

5.1.1 [REDACTED]

5.1.2 [REDACTED]

5.1.3 [REDACTED]

5.1.4 [REDACTED]

5.1.5 [REDACTED], the building manager or stakeholder will make the final determination regarding reoccupation of the building.

5.1.6 A PBP Form #2.0, "Offense Report", PBP Form #3.0, "Investigative Report", and any additional required reports shall be completed by the assigned Zone officer.

5.1.6.1 Upon completion, all [REDACTED] reports shall be faxed to the Bomb Squad.

5.1.7 Zone Detectives shall investigate reports of [REDACTED]. However, [REDACTED], the Bomb Squad shall investigate thereports.

6.0 CANINE BOMB SWEEPS

6.1 When canine bomb dogs are dispatched to facilities to do a bomb sweep, an Hazardous Device Technician will accompany the canine handler and bomb dog.

Approved By:

_____ Date _____

Nathan Harper
Chief of Police