


# TEXARKANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Bomb Emergencies</b>		
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### I. Purpose and Scope

- A. The purpose of this policy is to establish procedures for responding to and handling bomb threats that occur within the City of Texarkana, Arkansas.

### II. Policy

- A. It shall be the policy of the Texarkana Police Department to develop and manage a series of guidelines and other requirements that define the Agency's response to bomb threats. Members of the Department shall treat all bomb threats as legitimate criminal offenses. All members of the Department shall recognize and adhere to the guidelines set forth within this policy.

### III. Procedures ALEAP 8.02

#### A. Bomb Threats Aimed at Schools, Businesses and Residences

1. Because radio signals may detonate some explosive devices, officers responding to a reported bomb threat should avoid utilizing their radios, cell phones, MDC's or other wireless electronic devices at or near the scene of the threat. Radio communications can be utilized for distances beyond a 1200 foot radius.
2. The decision to evacuate any facility shall remain the responsibility of the school administrator or the property owner. Should the responsible person decide to evacuate the facility, a minimum evacuation distance of 1200 feet is recommended.
3. The initial responding officer should meet with the school administrator, property owner or other responsible person in charge of the facility and determine if a search has been conducted.
4. If a search has not yet been conducted, responding officers will assist the person in charge at the facility and its employees with a quick cursory search of the common areas of the facility. If a suspicious device is not located during the quick cursory search, the responding officers will inform the person in charge that the responsibility to conduct a detailed search of the facility rests with him/her and the employees. Detailed searches of the facility should be conducted by the facility employee most familiar with each specific area. This would include teachers searching classrooms and Wal Mart employees searching their assigned sections.

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5. During their search of the facility, the person(s) responsible to conduct the search should be asked to look for objects that appear suspicious in nature, and if a suspicious device is located, the person(s) should notify the responding officers immediately. Those who are engaged in the search should be instructed not to touch or handle any device deemed suspicious.
6. Common and outside areas are the responsibility of the police. Once a suspected device is located, the responding officers will evacuate the facility and establish a perimeter.

**B. Bomb Threats Aimed at the Bi-State Justice Center**

1. The following guidelines and protocols have been approved by the Law Enforcement Advisory Council (LEAC) for a response to a bomb threat at the Bi-State Justice Center:
  - a. If a bomb threat targeting the Bi-State Justice Building is received, the following individuals shall be notified by the Communications Center:
    - (1) Squad Commanders and supervisory personnel affiliated with the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department, Texarkana, Texas Police Department and the Bowie County Sheriff’s Department shall be notified first;
    - (2) Battalion Chiefs affiliated with the Texarkana, Arkansas Fire Department and the Texarkana, Texas Fire Department;
    - (3) The Emergency Management Coordinator;
    - (4) Chiefs of Police—or Division Commanders in the absence of the Chiefs—affiliated with the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department and the Texarkana, Texas Police Department;
    - (5) Bowie County Sheriff;
    - (6) Fire Chiefs or their designees affiliated with the Texarkana, Arkansas Fire Department and the Texarkana, Texas Fire Department;
    - (7) Texarkana Jail Warden;
    - (8) Director of Building Maintenance; and
    - (9) Commander of Central Records and Communications.
  - b. The Incident Command Post will be established on the vacant parking lot located on the northeast corner of the intersection located at East Broad and Hazel Street. The Incident Commander will designate the Incident Central channel—the default command post channel—as the primary command and control channel. All affected personnel shall utilize this channel until the situation has been resolved. For additional information surrounding radio communications—to include fleet radio maps containing all channels designated for incident command purposes—refer to [General Order 1109.03---Radio Communications](#).
  - c. The role of Incident Commander will be determined by which side of state line the call originated. The Incident Commander shall continue having command authority until the threat is resolved. For more information related to Incident Command procedures, refer to [General Order 1102.31---Incident Command System](#).
    - (1) The above listed General Order contains information addressing situations that may arise and bring into question which responding agency has the responsibility to assume command and control of the respective incident.

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- d. The Incident Commander shall maintain operational command of the incident and will meet with other jurisdictions responding to the building. The Incident Commander will immediately determine whether the personnel and prisoners within the building will be evacuated. This could be a complete or partial evacuation.
- e. The Incident Commander will designate and assign an appropriate number of personnel who will be responsible for searching the interior portions of the building. Building maintenance staff should be used to assist with the search, as this group of personnel is knowledgeable of the building's design and layout. No vehicle traffic will be allowed to enter the building's basement during the incident.
- f. The Texarkana, Arkansas Fire Department will stage on the southeast side of the building, and the Texarkana, Texas Fire Department will stage on the northwest side of the building.
- g. An isolation distance of 1200 feet is recommended. If a suspicious object, device or package is located, police supervisors will direct their personnel to withdraw from the building. The incident commander will hold a secondary meeting with supervisors from the other departments in an effort to plan for other options and contingencies. EMS personnel should be contacted and staged at an appropriate location.

**C. EOD (Explosive Ordinance Disposal) Response**

- 1. Should the circumstances of the incident require a response from an explosive ordinance team (EOD), the Incident Commander / Communications Center will contact the El Dorado Police Department Bomb Unit and request assistance. This unit will remain the primary response entity, as they maintain the capability to safely isolate and neutralize bomb threats.
  - a. El Dorado Police Department Bomb Unit  
(870) 863-4141 (Main Number)  
  
 Captain Michael Leveritt, EOD Commander  
(870) 881-4808 (Office)  
(870) 312-3071 (Cell)
- 2. Should the incident commander require additional resources, or if the El Dorado Police Department Bomb Unit is not available, the Communications Center will notify Arkansas State Police (ASP) Troop G and request a response from ASP's bomb team. ASP's bomb team consists of two (2) troopers who can respond and neutralize bomb threats. The team is assigned to headquarters, and all responses by this team must first be coordinated through the requesting jurisdiction's troop area.
  - a. Arkansas State Police, Troop G Headquarters  
2501 N Hazel Street Hope, Arkansas  
Captain Brady Gore  
(870) 777-4641 Office  
(870) 703-1141 Cell
- 3. If an explosion occurs, personnel shall not tamper with any of the resulting debris. The scene shall be secured and EMS services provided to the injured. Both ATF and the FBI must be notified if there is any indication the explosion was terror related.

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4. The evacuation guidelines involving those threats that involve the use of car/truck bombs should be governed by the following ATF recommendation:

# ATF

VEHICLE BOMB  
EXPLOSION HAZARD AND  
EVACUATION DISTANCE TABLES

**DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY  
BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO  
AND FIREARMS**

**IF YOU SUSPECT UNLAWFUL POSSESSION  
OR USE OF EXPLOSIVES OR BOMBS  
CALL 1-888-ATF-BOMB OR YOUR LOCAL  
ATF OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE**

- Minimum evacuation distance is the range at which a life-threatening injury from blast or fragment hazards is unlikely. However, non-life-threatening injury or temporary hearing loss may occur.
- Hazard ranges are based on open, level terrain.
- Minimum evacuation distance may be less when explosion is confined within a structure.
- Falling glass hazard range is dependent on line-of-sight from explosion source to window. Hazard is from falling shards of broken glass.
- Metric equivalent values are mathematically calculated.
- Explosion confined within a structure may cause structural collapse or building debris hazards.
- Additional hazards include vehicle debris.

This information was developed with data from the Dipole Might vehicle bomb research program conducted by ATF with technical assistance from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Goals for Dipole Might include creating a computerized database and protocol for investigating large-scale vehicle bombs. Dipole Might is sponsored by the Technical Support Working Group (TSWG). TSWG is the research and development arm of the National Security Council interagency working group on counterterrorism.

ATF	VEHICLE DESCRIPTION	MAXIMUM EXPLOSIVES CAPACITY	LETHAL AIR BLAST RANGE	MINIMUM EVACUATION DISTANCE	FALLING GLASS HAZARD
	COMPACT SEDAN	500 Pounds 227 Kilos <i>(In Trunk)</i>	100 Feet 30 Meters	1,500 Feet 457 Meters	1,250 Feet 381 Meters
	FULL SIZE SEDAN	1,000 Pounds 455 Kilos <i>(In Trunk)</i>	125 Feet 38 Meters	1,750 Feet 534 Meters	1,750 Feet 534 Meters
	PASSENGER VAN OR CARGO VAN	4,000 Pounds 1,818 Kilos	200 Feet 61 Meters	2,750 Feet 838 Meters	2,750 Feet 838 Meters
	SMALL BOX VAN <i>(14 FT BOX)</i>	10,000 Pounds 4,545 Kilos	300 Feet 91 Meters	3,750 Feet 1,143 Meters	3,750 Feet 1,143 Meters
	BOX VAN OR WATER/FUEL TRUCK	30,000 Pounds 13,636 Kilos	450 Feet 137 Meters	6,500 Feet 1,982 Meters	6,500 Feet 1,982 Meters
	SEMI-TRAILER	60,000 Pounds 27,273 Kilos	600 Feet 183 Meters	7,000 Feet 2,134 Meters	7,000 Feet 2,134 Meters