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Chapter 205 - Emergency Procedures			
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BOMB THREATS, EXPLOSIVES, AND UNATTENDED OR SUSPICIOUS ITEMS

205.5 - 1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to develop procedures and guidelines for Departmental responses to bomb threats, unattended or suspicious items, suspected military ordnance, and *post-blast* scenes.

205.5 - 2 POLICY

1. *It is the policy of the Detroit Police Department that all responses to bomb threats or explosive device located situations be conducted systematically, efficiently, and in a manner that gives primary consideration to the protection of human life.*
2. Members responding to or coming upon the scene of an actual or suspected bomb, explosive or incendiary device, blasting cap, or military ordnance shall not handle, move, attempt to dismantle, or unnecessarily approach any suspected explosive device. Only bomb disposal technicians are authorized to handle, move, or dismantle a suspected explosive or incendiary device. The Bomb Squad's render-safe procedures are regulated by national standards and Federal Bureau of Investigation protocols. The officer in charge of the Bomb Squad or, in their absence, the *ranking* certified hazardous device technician, shall have the final say regarding the conduct of render-safe operations *on suspected explosive devices, pyrotechnics, or military ordnance.*
3. *The Bomb Squad shall be notified and will effectuate an emergency response to the scene when Department members encounter any of the following:*
 - a. *Suspected improvised explosive devices (IED) or suspicious packages/items;*
 - b. *All suspected military ordnance regardless of how the ordnance is marked ("Training, Dummy, Practice" etc.), including smoke grenades, flares, tear gas munitions, or other non-high explosive ordnance;*
 - c. *Pyrotechnics that appear to be commercial grade (e.g. "M-80s," large aerial shells, or pyrotechnics intended for professional display);*
 - d. *Any pyrotechnics that appear to be homemade or in poor condition;*
 - e. *Unexploded overpressure devices ("Drano bombs");*
 - f. *Large quantities of gunpowder or consumer fireworks;*

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- g. Explosives-related pamphlets, periodicals, and books;*
- h. Excessive amounts of galvanized or PVC pipe and end caps, especially if they have drill holes in the pipe or cap;*
- i. Low-explosive powders or other incendiary mixtures;*
- j. Fuses of any type to include homemade burning fuses, such as string soaked in a burning powder;*
- k. Electrical switches, electrical matches, blasting caps, or similar initiators;*
- l. Pressure vessels, such as pressure cookers;*
- m. Post-blast scenes; and*
- n. Suspected clandestine laboratories or scenes where officers suspect explosives or fireworks are being manufactured.*