

GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT
Standard Operating Guideline

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FIRE EQUIPMENT RESPONSE

1. Dispatch the engine company which covers the area of the suspected bomb location.
2. If the quality of information given by the bomb threat caller is sufficient enough to portray a realistic threat, or extenuating circumstances exist, the Fire Chief or Shift Officer may order dispatch of additional personnel and equipment.
3. All vehicles will respond without the use of emergency lights or sirens.
4. Alert all stations of the situation.
5. All responding units shall be placed in a position of safety (not in front of plate glass windows, exits, etc.) Setting up a staging area nearby is preferable.
6. The first arriving officer shall report to the Commander of the Glasgow Police Department for the purpose of coordinating information as well as search and evacuation procedures. This should happen outside the building. The fire department will work with the police department, this will ultimately be a law enforcement scene.
7. Note: In the event it is believed there may very well be a bomb on the premises, or if a bomb is actually discovered, radio traffic shall be kept to a minimum or totally suspended until qualified bomb experts authorize the use of radio communications (possible for the bomb to detonate electronically.)

EVACUATION

1. Evacuation is the responsibility of the manager of any threatened building. In the event the manager or owner is not on site, the Incident Commander may order evacuation.
2. The fire department's role is to assist and advise.
3. Experience regarding bomb threats suggests that, unless a bomb or suspected devise is found, evacuation of the area is not warranted. The final decision regarding evacuation rests with the administrator or manager of the building.

BOMB DISCOVERY

1. GLASGOW FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL DO NOT SEARCH FOR BOMBS.
2. If an object suspected of being a bomb is found, police personnel on the scene shall contact the Glasgow Police Department Incident Commander.
3. If for some reason police personnel are unable to respond to the scene, the Glasgow Fire Department Incident Commander shall assume control of the incident until such time as police personnel arrive on the scene.
4. All Glasgow Fire Department units shall be prepared to move a safe distance from the incident.

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GENERAL

1. It is imperative that cooperation be maintained with the police department and all other involved agencies.
2. In the event an explosion occurs, personnel and equipment shall be utilized in whatever capacity is needed (suppression, rescue, evacuation, etc.)
3. If not previously called for, the Incident Commander shall order the dispatch of additional companies to the scene of the incident.
4. The news media shall not be notified and information relative to the alert shall be kept to a minimum. Refer all media requests for information to the Glasgow Police Department.
5. It shall be the final decision of the manager or property owner to give the "all clear" for personnel to return to the building.