



Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center


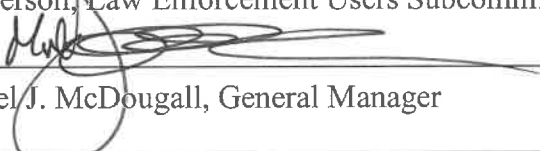
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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICY

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SUBJECT: BOMBS	
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1.0 Policy

Any report or threat of a bomb, explosive device, or suspicious package or item should be considered as a potential bomb and can be an extreme hazard to people and property. It is imperative that these calls are handled and investigated properly and cautiously. The Santa Cruz Sheriff's Office has the only Bomb Team within the county.

2.0 Procedure

For the purposes of this policy, all references to bomb incidents on radio frequencies should be referred to as a "Code 10". Additionally, for safety reasons, if an actual device is suspected or located, all radio, MDC and cellular communications should be suspended with on-scene units until the scene is determined to be "Code 4".

Upon receipt of an incident involving a bomb, observe the following procedures as applicable:

- 2.1 **If the caller is the suspect and indicates that a bomb has been placed in a particular location, or is making a threat**, dispatchers should keep the subject on the phone, initiate a dispatch incident immediately and notify the patrol supervisor. Dispatchers should then attempt to ascertain the following information:

- When is the bomb going to explode?
- Exact location of the bomb
- What does the bomb look like; type of bomb?
- Any information about the caller you can obtain
- Why was the bomb planted?

If requested to do so by responding or on-scene units, dispatchers should initiate the dispatch of fire, EMS or Sheriff's Bomb Team personnel.

2.2 **If a caller states that a bomb or explosive device has been found,** dispatchers should immediately initiate a dispatch incident and notify the patrol supervisor. Additionally, dispatchers should notify the caller of the following information:

Advise the caller to immediately clear, at least, the immediate area (room which device is located) and to not touch, tamper with, or move the device or change the position of any switch.

Dispatchers should also obtain the following information from the RP and relay it to the responding units:

- The best entry passage from the street to the location of the device.
- Detailed description of the area immediately around the location.
- General description of the entire area, including storage of nearby chemicals or other explosives.
- Detailed description of the device; color, shape, any wiring, type of packaging, etc.

If requested to do so by responding or on-scene units, dispatchers should initiate the dispatch of fire, EMS or Sheriff's Bomb Team personnel.

2.3 **If the caller reports that a bomb has exploded,** the dispatcher should immediately initiate a law and fire incident and dispatch EMS if necessary (or requested). If requested to do so by the on-scene law enforcement agency, dispatchers should also initiate the dispatch of the Sheriff's Office Bomb Team.