




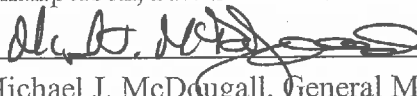
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COMMUNICATIONS OPERATIONS FIRE SERVICE POLICY

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1.0 Definition

An explosion is the sudden violent release of mechanical, chemical or nuclear energy and the loud sound accompanying such a release.

2.0 Procedure

2.1. Dispatchers should ask sufficient questions to properly identify and classify the incident. Examples of appropriate questions include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. What exploded? Is there a more appropriate incident type? For example, a vehicle that exploded inside a garage should be classified as a confirmed structure fire.
2. If the explosion was heard only, initiate and dispatch a law enforcement incident.
3. Is there a possibility of injuries?
4. What caused the explosion?
5. How many explosions were there?
6. Is there a possibility of secondary explosions?
7. Are any structures threatened subsequent to the initial explosion?
8. Are there hazardous materials involved?

9. Are vehicles involved—if so are they placarded?

10. Was a threat made prior to the explosion?

2.2 Once an incident is created, dispatch according to CAD recommendations

2.2.1 If appropriate, initiate law enforcement and/or ambulance response.

2.2.2 Request mutual aid as recommended and/or requested.