

**LAKEWOOD FIRE DEPARTMENT
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SOG NUMBER: 301.08	EMERGENCY OPERATIONS
DATE IMPLEMENTED: JUNE 14, 2017 DATE REVISED:	TITLE: BOMBS AND/OR EXPLOSIVES DEVICES

PURPOSE:

These provisions are promulgated and designed to provide a structured approach for the safe response to and operation on the scene of incidents involving a bomb(s) and/or explosive device(s) or the reported possibility of a bomb(s) and/or explosive device(s).

SCOPE:

This guideline shall apply to all Department personnel when responding to and operating on the scene of an actual or reported possibility of a bomb and/or explosive device.

1. Situations involving bombs or other explosive devices are essentially functions of the Police Department and under its' authority.
2. Fire Department personnel shall **not** be involved in searching for a reported bomb or explosive device. Rather, they shall maintain a defensive position and be ready to act in the event that an explosion and/or fire occurs.
3. **No member of the LFD will become involved in handling or disposing of a bomb or explosive device. This is reserved for individuals trained to do so.**
4. In anticipation of a possible explosion and/or fire, the Officer in Charge (OIC) will exercise discretion in positioning apparatus, requesting additional units, stretching hoselines, and protecting his personnel.
5. Should a fire or explosion result, the Fire Department OIC will assume command as in all fire related situations, and will revert to accepted operating guidelines with respect to firefighting and life safety.
6. Structures that have sustained explosions are often more structurally damaged than a burned building; therefore, the possibility of a building collapse is much greater and should always be considered.
7. In case of fuel, gas, or dust explosions, secondary explosions are the rule rather than the exception.

8. All personnel shall remain cognizant of secondary or tertiary devices that may be targeted at Emergency Responders.
9. Bombing/Explosive Incidents are to be treated as crime scenes, unless otherwise directed.
10. These instructions are intended to serve as a guide. The OIC may deviate from them (with the exception of #2 and #3) when in their discretion, the situation so warrants.