

# **BOMB THREAT MANAGEMENT**

## **FIRST RESPONDER AWARENESS CARD**

### **DISPATCH AND RESPONSE PHASE**

- It is important to remember that every year in the United States first responders are dispatched to bomb threats where there is no explosives or danger to the public. A few of these incidents do involve some type of explosives and pose a serious threat to responders and the public.
- Nature of the call and location are important. When responding get all the dispatch information available via pager, cell phone or MDT (mobile data terminal). DO NOT discuss over radio if possible.
- Response will be "low profile" based on local guidelines.
- Threat environment is applicable to a bomb threat response. Any current threats, high profile planned events or controversy reference the location?
- Bomb threats can be sent via telephone, fax, e-mail, written or verbal.
- Be familiar with, and maintain a copy of, the Bomb Threat Checklist as a reminder of what pertinent information to obtain from the dispatcher.

### **SCENE ASSESSMENT**

- **Response and search procedures will depend on local guidelines, training and threat assessments.**
- Establish a remote Incident Command Post utilizing Unified Command.
- Validate the bomb threat with a face-to-face interview with the person or persons who received the threat at the Incident Command Post.
- First responders generally will NOT take charge of the scene. That responsibility is left to the local person in charge (facility manager, supervisor, principal, etc.). Response agency capacity is that of an advisor and coordinator.
- Generally, bomb squads and first responders will NOT be involved with any search. That duty is typically left to the personnel who know and work in the affected areas.
- A search is not completed until the ENTIRE facility has been searched.
- If a suspicious item is discovered during any of this process, withdraw all affected personnel to a safe area and contact a hazardous devices unit.
- **FIRST RESPONDERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE OR HANDLE A SUSPICIOUS ITEM; THIS IS A JOB FOR SPECIALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL.**
- **For additional information on Suspicious Packages see page 7 of the Guide and for additional information on Improvised Explosive Devices (IED) see page 2.**

***RESPONSE SHEET IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY. PLEASE UTILIZE LOCAL GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES.***