

SUICIDE BOMBER

FIRST RESPONDER AWARENESS CARD

Suicide bombing has become one of the tactics of choice among terrorist organizations worldwide. When responding to a post or pre suicide bombing event or even a suspected suicide bomber event, first responders need to become more “tactical” in their thinking.

DISPATCH AND RESPONSE PHASE

- 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.
- If there has been an actual explosion use radios, as you will have an overriding need for immediate communications.

ARRIVAL ON SCENE

- Slow down when approaching the area and conduct a 360-degree scan during your “windshield survey”.
- Look for objects and people that seem out of place for the location or time of the call - if it looks suspicious it probably is.
- Use Staging Area to limit number of responders - don't stack up responders and resources in one location.
- Establish an outer security perimeter.
- **ALWAYS BE AWARE OF SECONDARY DEVICES OR ATTACKS!**

APPROACHING THE AREA

- Utilize Incident Command System (ICS)!
- Establish hazard Control Zones around the suspected bomber, device or event (Hot, Warm, Cold). Limit the number of responders entering the Hot Zone.
- Always have an escape route open to leave the scene quickly if needed.
- Beware of locations where the suspect package or device has been placed in a choke point or other critical areas.
- The bigger the suspicious device - the bigger the Hot Zone (300 feet minimum). Do not use radios or cell phones in this area.
- Scan the area using binoculars, spotting scopes or vehicle-mounted cameras before approaching.
- If you must approach the bomber, device or event use shielding and cover to your advantage.
- **RESPONDERS SHOULD BE VERY CAUTIOUS OF ANY ITEMS OR PERSONS THAT AROUSE YOUR CURIOSITY!**

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IDENTIFICATION

- Responders should be very cautious of any items or persons that arouse your curiosity.
- Clothing unsuitable for time of year or location (ex: heavy coat in summer).
- Any devices, containers or wiring protruding from clothes of suspected individual or their bags/backpacks.
- Individual who appears extremely nervous and constantly grabbing their pockets or other items.
- Individual who appears to be avoiding law enforcement and security.
- Unusual man portable devices or containers with electronic components such as wires, circuit boards, cellular phones, antennas and other items attached or exposed.
- Man portable devices containing quantities of fuses, fireworks, match heads, black powder, smokeless powder, incendiary materials and other unusual materials or liquids.
- Materials attached to an item such as nails, bolts, drill bits, marbles, etc. that could be used for shrapnel.
- Ordnance such as blasting caps, detcord, military explosives, commercial explosives, grenades, etc.
- **ANY COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED ITEMS OR ACTIONS!**

EXIT STRATEGY

- If there are several strong indicators that you have a possible suicide bomber call for immediate help, leave the area and withdraw your personnel to an area outside the Warm Zone.
- **Trained Law Enforcement will attempt to approach, communicate or neutralize suspected suicide bomber.**

FIRST RESPONDERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO APPROACH, MOVE, HANDLE OR DISARM A CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED SUICIDE BOMBING DEVICE; THIS IS A JOB FOR SPECIALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL.

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