

- a. The time of discovery.
- b. The exact location of the device.
- c. A full description of the device (e.g., size, shape, markings, construction).
- d. The anticipated danger zone and perimeter.
- e. The areas to be evacuated or cleared.

404.6 EXPLOSION/BOMBING INCIDENTS

When an explosion has occurred, there are multitudes of considerations which may confront the responding officer(s). As in other catastrophic events, a rapid response may help to minimize injury to victims, contamination of the scene by gathering crowds, or any additional damage from fires or unstable structures.

404.6.1 OFFICER CONSIDERATIONS

Officers responding to explosions, whether accidental or a criminal act, should consider the following actions:

1. Assess the scope of the incident, including the number of victims and extent of injuries.
2. Request additional personnel and resources, as appropriate.
3. Assist with first aid.
4. Identify and take appropriate precautions to mitigate scene hazards, such as collapsed structures, blood borne pathogens and hazardous materials.
5. Assist with the safe evacuation of victims, if possible.
6. Establish an inner perimeter to include entry points and evacuation routes. Search for additional or secondary devices.
7. Preserve evidence.
8. Establish an outer perimeter and evacuate if necessary.
9. Identify witnesses.

404.6.2 NOTIFICATIONS

When an explosion has occurred, the following people should be notified as appropriate:

1. City/County Dispatch
2. Fire Department
3. Bomb Squad
4. Chief of Police, or the Assistant Chief of Police in their absence.
5. Other law enforcement agencies, including local, state or federal agencies, such as the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).
6. Other government agencies, as appropriate

404.7 CROWD CONTROL

Only authorized Department members, first responders and mutual aid partners with a legitimate need should be permitted access to the scene. Spectators and other unauthorized individuals should be restricted to a safe distance as is reasonably practicable given the available resources and personnel.

