



SOUTH COAST BRITISH COLUMBIA  
TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY  
POLICE SERVICE

## **BOMBS / EXPLOSIVES**

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### **POLICY**

1. As a first responder to a bomb or explosive incident, the South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority Police Service (SCBCTAPS) will develop a written plan for handling situations involving bombs/explosives that will provide for the following:
  1. the role of personnel in ascertaining details from the bomb threat caller,
  2. the notification of persons in the SCBCTAPS chain of command,
  3. the establishment of a security perimeter,
  4. the organization of search teams,
  5. search and evacuation procedures,
  6. the notification of bomb disposal personnel, if a suspected device is located,
  7. co-ordination with fire and ambulance services,
  8. communications procedures
2. Incidents of bombs or explosives will be referred by the SCBCTAPS to the Jurisdictional Police Department (JPD). The JPD is the command authority in these incidents and the SCBCTAPS plays a support role to the JPD.

### **REASON FOR POLICY**

3. To ensure that only suitably trained and equipped personnel are used and that a plan is developed to deal with these circumstances.

### **PROCEDURES**

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **Priority**

4. Protection of life must be given prime consideration. Property is of secondary importance.
5. Until the JPD arrives on scene, the SCBCTAPS Member will follow these procedures:

##### **Command Post**

###### **1. Requirement**

A command vehicle or a suitable location should be established as a Command Post as soon as possible.

2. **Emergency Vehicles**

Emergency vehicles called to the scene should stand by at the Command Post so that instructions and additional information can be issued precisely and directly.

3. **Messengers**

It is advisable to make use of messengers as much as possible, keeping the use of radio and other electronic transmitters to a necessary minimum.

4. **Police Radios**

Use of the main dispatch talk group to pass on information must be avoided as other agencies can monitor this talk group. All responses to bomb threats should be co-ordinated using one of the other talk groups (these are not available to other agencies).

**PRESS RELEASES**

**Photographs**

- 6. Explosive Demolition Unit (EDU) technicians are not to be photographed under any circumstances.

**Response Procedures**

- 7. Response procedures must remain confidential.

**[See also: OM010 – Media Relations]**