

Terrorism/Biological Threat P59

DISPATCH PRIORITIES

Determinant

HAZMAT INCIDENTS

BOMB THREAT

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Mass Casualty incident

Responses

HAZMAT INCIDENT F

BOMB THREAT

BOMBING FIRE F

MCI F

KEY QUESTIONS

PRE ARRIVAL INSTRUCTIONS

What is the location and the nature of the substance they are calling about?

If a facility believes that Anthrax, or other agent, has been distributed through their Ventilation system, Recommend that it be shut off.

Why do they think it is suspicious?

Do not handle the envelope or package if contamination is suspected.

Who is in charge of the location?

Do not open, smell or taste the envelope or package, or its contents.

What has been done so far with the substance?

Do not shake or empty the contents of the envelope or package

How many persons exposed?

Cover the envelope or package with anything (clothing, paper, trash can, etc.) and do not remove cover. - **Avoid touching the envelope or package.**

Are there any medical indications of a HAZMAT exposure?

Evacuate the room and close the door, or section off the area to isolate the envelope or package and prevent others from being exposed.

Is anyone sick or overcome?

Is there a written threat with the package?

What did it say? Where is it now?

If no written threat was there any other threat associated with the package, phone call, etc.?

Is there a potential that the package could also be an explosive device?

refer to [Bomb card](#).

Have exposed people begin decontamination now by washing with soap and water and isolating the item involved from other persons.?

Write down the names and contact information of all persons who may have handled the envelope or package and give this list to law enforcement officials on the scene

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Call Handling Instructions:

- [Resourses if real incident](#)
- METCOM'S roll is to determine if there is a direct threat to life/property or if the incident is merely a finding of a "powdery substance".
- **Do not encourage someone to think that a substance is Anthrax, our goal is not to aggravate a scenario.**
- For calls in the Woodburn Fire District
 - Notify both police and fire by phone
- For calls in other Fire Districts
 - Dispatch the call as a HAZMAT and do not get specific on details until able to make phone contact with responders.
- Do not commit additional units to the incident until requested to do so by command to limit exposure to responders.

NOTE:

Be Alert, Each incident must be treated as real until other wise determined, Use good judgement and investigative techniques.

Identifying suspicious letters/packages:

- excessive postage
- Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Mailed from foreign country
- Misspelled words
- addressed to title only
- Rigid or bulky - lopsided or uneven
- No return address
- Stains on wrapping
- Strange odor
- Powdery substance leaking from sides
- Excessive security material such as masking type, string, etc.
- Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential"
- excessive weight
- Visual Distractions