

Scenario 5: Bombing

SITUATION:

At 10:00 a.m. on a Tuesday, a large explosive device detonates in a crowded downtown area. The device destroys part of a building and ignites several fires.

At 10:30 a.m., a second device creates an explosion at a major hospital.

At 11:00 a.m., two other devices detonate—one at the rail yard and one at the city water treatment plant.

At 12:00 p.m., a militant group claims responsibility for the explosions and says there are other devices planted around the city. The group demands \$50 million or they will detonate the remaining explosives.

ASSUMED CONDITIONS:

- The weather is warm at 71 degrees, with a wind from the north at 15 mph. However, thunderstorms are predicted for late in the afternoon with strong, gusting winds.
- There were at least 34 people injured in the downtown blast; however, injuries within the building are as yet unknown.
- The device at the hospital was apparently located in a trash barrel in the emergency waiting area. One person was killed; six others were injured. The blast also caused damage to the ambulance entryway.
- The device at the rail yard did not cause injuries, but did damage a railcar containing anhydrous ammonia, which is now leaking.
- The blast at the city water treatment plant has caused seepage of untreated water into a nearby river and has limited the capacity of the plant.