

## **EXPLOSIVES INCIDENTS LOCAL RESOURCES**

Explosives, improvised explosive devices and military ordnance are all extremely dangerous. It is important to remember that these items can kill and seriously injure without notice. At no time should anyone, except a trained bomb technician, attempt to make, move, disturb or touch any item that appears to be suspicious in nature or readily appears to have an explosive content. Incidents involving explosives or assistance, requests should be made to State Communications (StateComm) at **1-800-632-8000** or **208-846-7610**. StateComm will make the initial contact to the nearest available Bomb Squad listed in this section, as well as the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) HazMat Duty Officer, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), the Regional Response team (RRT) in that area and the Health District. A conference call will then be implemented.

Idaho Bomb Squads by Region:

Region 1	Spokane, Washington Sheriff's office and Police Dept.
Region 2	Nearest local bomb squad or military EOD unit
Region 3	Nampa Police Department
Region 4	Boise Police Department / Ada County Sheriff's
Region 5	Twin Falls Police Department
Region 6	Nearest local bomb squad or military EOD unit
Region 7	Idaho Falls Police Department

The local Bomb Squad, under the directions of the Bomb Squad Commander for that locality, provides explosive support to the State. The BHS is notified immediately upon dispatch and must concur if the responders intend on recovering the costs of the response. The team becomes a State of Idaho resource upon dispatch and concurrence by BHS, and remains administratively responsible to the Bureau.

### Bomb Squad Responsibilities:

- Notification and Response
  - Receive notification and participate in conference call
  - Obtain necessary information for response
  - Give estimation of response team
  - Receive permission from DEQ to dispose of explosives
  - Arrive on scene and locate incident commander
- Execution of an Incident Action Plan
  - Develop incident priorities.
  - Develop and implement the incident action plan/structure.
  - Implement Render Safe Procedures (RSP)
- Personnel Safety and Accountability
  - Ensure responder safety.
  - Maintain an awareness of the possibility of chemical release
  - Implement post Render Safe Procedures (RSP)
- Coordination
  - Continue updating situation and response status of StateComm
  - Notify StateComm upon resolution of incident.

Bomb squads in Idaho have been shaped by their requirement to cover both large open regions and dense population centers, responding to a widely varied threat that most often involves devices containing low explosive or incendiary fillers. The accredited bomb squads in Idaho have the responsibility, through mutual aid and task force agreements, of taking their training, equipment, and experience beyond the borders of their municipalities and jurisdictional lines to serve the entirety of the State, performing a specialized task that the remainder of the law enforcement agencies and fire departments cannot safely and effectively accomplish for themselves. Bomb squads have many responsibilities after the render safe procedure ranging from assisting with the crime scene investigation in some jurisdictions to full responsibility for all aspects of the bombing investigation in others.

The bomb technicians serving on the accredited public safety bomb squads in Idaho are required to attend the 6 – week Basic Course at the FBI’s Hazardous Devices School at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama, which is operated by the U.S. Army Ordnance Munitions and Electronics Maintenance School (OMEMS). This nationally centralized training program ensures a degree of uniformity and standards among bomb squads within a diverse program of autonomous bomb squads. The training at HDS prepares bomb technicians to deal with improvised hazardous devices, including those containing chemical, biological, radiological, and explosive components. All “certified” bomb technicians must complete the HDS Basic Course and then must return to HDS every three years for the Recertification Course. They must also currently be a sworn employee of a law enforcement or public safety agency. The FBI program at HDS also manages the process of accrediting bomb squads, ensuring that they meet the minimum requirements, set by NBSCAB, of having at least two certified bomb technicians, a bomb suit, and x-ray, a disruptor, demolition tools, and hand tools, review the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians, and review Federal Explosives Law and Regulations. (This standard for required equipment was amended recently to include a robot, an additional bomb suit, an additional disruptor, two WMD/SCBA compatible suits capable of providing blast protection, and a radiation detector. Accredited bomb squads must meet this new requirement by 2009, and new squads formed after 1/1/2006 must meet the requirement immediately in order to become accredited.) Bomb technicians are required to train 16 hours per month within their department plus 40 hours per year at any one of several training seminars that occur in the U.S.

### **MILITARY EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL U.S. ARMY/ U.S. AIR FORCE**

Explosive ordnance disposal (EOD) or assistance requests should be made to StateComm at **1-800-632-8000** or **208-846-7610**. StateComm will make the initial contact to the nearest available EOD unit listed in this section to participate in a conference call with the BHS HazMat Duty Officer, DEQ, the RRT from that jurisdiction and the Health District.

The United States Army, under the direction of the Department of Defense, provides EOD support to the State(s).

The EOD Mission (Army):

When requested by StateComm, EOD will provide the following assistance:

- Render safe: conventional, chemical, nuclear munitions and improvised explosive devices.
- Support all Federal Government agencies.
- Support local and State Government agencies.
- Support the U.S. Secret Service in the protection of the President of the United States and visiting foreign dignitaries.

The Army geographically divides the State of Idaho in two sections. The dividing line splits the state from Payette County East to Clark County.

Mountain Home Air Force Base provides technical and operational assistance to the Southern half of Idaho, and the 53<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD) in Yakima, WA provides technical and operational assistance to the Northern half of Idaho.

Mountain Home Air Force Base will provide technical and operational assistance to all of Idaho per the existing MOU as a backup to the Army EOD.

StateComm will contact the Army EOD unit closest to the incident for assistance. For those emergency situations requiring immediate response, StateComm will request the next closest EOD unit for assistance, which may be the Army or Air Force EOD Unit.

EOD (24 HR.) contacts:

Northern Idaho

53<sup>rd</sup> Ordnance Company (EOD) Yakima, WA

Southern Idaho

366<sup>th</sup> Explosive Ordnance Disposal Flight  
Mountain Home, A.F.B., ID

In order to prevent duplicate EOD responses to the same incident, **StateComm will notify the Air Force EOD if the Army is responding and notify the Army if the Air Force is responding.**

Responsibility of the State of Idaho or agency(s) requesting assistance:

- Provide security for the area.
- Request fire department support (if needed).
- Provide a disposal site (if needed).
- Notify all State and local Environmental Protection Agencies (EPA).
- Get emergency disposal permits (if applicable).

If appropriate, and as soon as practical, State Communications will verify the required approvals from EPA and or DEQ are faxed to the responding EOD Office.