

## Egg Harbor Fire Department and First Responders Standard Operating Guidelines

**SUBJECT:** BOMB THREAT

**SOG 805**

**PURPOSE:** To establish a policy for response to bomb threats.

**SCOPE:** This policy shall apply to all members of the Egg Harbor Fire Department.

**DEFINITIONS:** *Bomb Threat* - any call from the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center indicating a bomb or explosive may be present.

If the Egg Harbor Fire Department is dispatched by the 9-1-1 Center to a possible bomb threat, the following procedures shall be used:

1. Respond to the scene without red lights or sirens unless told to do otherwise by the 9-1-1 Dispatch Center.
  - A. Use minimal radio traffic, do not give location unless absolutely necessary.
2. Stage fire trucks in a safe location away from the target building, remain with vehicles until told to do otherwise by the Incident Commander.
3. Our Incident Commander shall report to the command post.
  - A. Meet with Sheriff Department, Police Department, Emergency Government, and building officials to determine a plan of action.
4. **At no time shall fire department personnel be involved in a search for bombs or other explosives.**
5. Any decision to reoccupy the building shall remain with the building officials. At no time is the fire department Incident Commander to give an all clear that the building is safe to reoccupy.