

## Washington Township Fire Department

### SOP 10.9

#### Active Shooter/Bomber/Intruder

The Washington Township Fire Department is responsible for rescue operations within the jurisdiction and therefore has responsibility to perform certain rescues, under law enforcement command, for criminal or terroristic incidents that are primarily law enforcement events. This SOP shall offer guidance into the roles and responsibilities of fire department personnel during such an event. It is not intended to supersede any law enforcement policy or procedure or interfere with any law enforcement policy or procedure but rather support law enforcement in a unified manner.

##### 10.9.1 Command and Control

Command and control of an active shooter, a bombing incident, an active intruder incident or such similar event shall remain under the primary command and control of the Washington Township Police Department or other appropriate law enforcement agency as determined by state and federal laws. The Washington Township Fire Department shall provide as a minimum a liaison officer to the incident commander. Depending upon the nature of the event, the fire department may have a role in a unified command post. As law enforcement personnel will likely be initially focused on stabilizing the incident, it may be necessary for fire department personnel to assume non operational roles in the ICS system such as handling Logistics, certain functions in Planning including status check in, accountability and other duties like managing a staging area. FD Chiefs and officers should anticipate fulfilling these roles to support law enforcement as an incident begins unfolding.

##### 10-9.2 Response

Response to these types of events usually is done at the request of law enforcement but maybe done as a result of the nature of the activity involved. In all cases, the ranking fire department officer responding must establish a staging location in coordination with law enforcement. At no time should fire department resources proceed directly to a scene without clearance from law enforcement or the incident commander. Staging areas should be within a minute or less response to the actual location. Responses to these types of events shall be done via fire department apparatus or vehicles only. At no time shall personnel attempt to respond to this type of incident via their POV.

##### 10-9.3 Duties

The duties of the fire department during an incident include but are not limited to:

- Assisting law enforcement with traffic control until properly relieved.
- Performing rescue of victims from warm zones.
- Managing of staging areas and logging of incoming assisting personnel/agencies.
- Assisting EMS in patient management.
- Organizing triage areas.
- Providing support to law enforcement regarding access to KNOX boxes and fire alarm systems in buildings.
- Providing building pre-plan information or other technology to assist in mitigating the incident.

- Providing necessary fire protection to the overall scene as necessary.
- Establishing aircraft landing zones for medevac.
- Assemble various carrying devices used by the FD including; reeves stretchers, long boards, and skeds, (note – stokes baskets should be used as a last resort).
- Assemble apparatus first aid kits including the rapid response pouches on apparatus.
- Providing monitoring of atmosphere for toxic or flammable gases.
- Providing fire investigation services in the case of explosions in accordance with the uniform fire code and in cooperation with law enforcement.
- Other duties as necessary to mitigate the incident in coordination with law enforcement.

#### 10-9.4 Personal Protective Equipment

Fire department personnel when performing various duties need to be in some kind of uniform identifying them as FD personnel. If ballistic protection is not provided, FFs performing rescue operations in warm zones shall as a minimum wear appropriate gloves and fire department helmet. Regular turnout gear must be brought on the apparatus but should not be worn unless doing fire protection duties for potential or actual fire, for landing zone duties, or other activities normally requiring the use of regular FD PPE.

#### 10-9.5 Accountability

All fire department personnel working within an assignment of this nature must be accounted for via normal FD accountability tags and/or standard ICS 211s. Checking in and checking out must be tightly controlled by the assigned accountability officer. All attempts will be made to keep track and maintain accountability of other agency personnel as well.

#### 10-9.6 Long Term Incidents

The fire department will assist law enforcement personnel with the development of an IAP for incidents lasting longer than one operational period. If requested, the FD may put together parts of the IAP for a shorter term complex incident.