

Response to Confidential Incidents

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Confidential Incidents are those that, if their nature is divulged on police or fire radios, may cause spectators to come to the scene of a hazardous incident. These may be bomb scares, reports of explosives found in buildings, etc.

It is to be expected that we will be called to stand by in close proximity to the incident where men may be injured or equipment may be damaged by detonation. The primary command agency in these incidents will be the police on scene.

Upon being notified to this type of incident, notify the proper police agency unless the notification comes from them. Crew one engine and report status to county dispatch by telephone. Equipment will be ordered to the scene as needed by the incident commander. Upon arriving at the scene, **DO NOT** use the radio for any transmissions. The officer in charge shall check with the police officer in charge to determine if the materials involved may be sensitive to 2-way radio transmissions and what steps the fire department should take to secure the area from spectators.

In the event that a box alarm is received and upon arriving, it is found that this should be handled as a confidential incident, insure that all occupants of the building are evacuated, and remove all men and equipment to a safe location.

Confidential incidents will not include buildings suspected to be filled with natural gas or gasoline fumes. These will be handled in normal fashion.

Incidents of confidential nature shall remain a police operation, our function being to report to our stations and stand by for assignment by dispatch, or the fire officer in charge.