

#### 4.20 Bomb Scare

Scope- This guideline is intended to provide a very basic framework of action in the event a bomb is reported. It must be noted that incidents are primarily police matters, and the Fire Department, when requested, is present in an advisory role and the need for fire suppression should it be necessary.

Response- The officer in charge shall determine if stand-by in the station is sufficient or if a response is needed. When paged for this type of incident, personnel should be reporting to the station for assignment. All companies responding to bomb scare incidents shall be non-emergency to minimize attention given to the incident unless directed differently by law enforcement personnel.

All companies arriving at the given location shall stage a minimum of 500 feet from the reported building or area.

Communications- Because the possibility exists that a bomb may be detonated by radio signals. Mobile and portable radios shall not be used within 500 feet of the reported building or area. Communications shall be made with the use of runners relating information from the Incident Commander to the companies in the staging area. Communications to the dispatch center shall be made by telephone or by mobile/portable radios located greater than 500 feet from the reported building or area.

Operations- First arriving engine companies shall prepare to connect to hydrants and layout should the need arise.

The Incident Commander shall meet with all parties involved with the incident. The decision to evacuate shall be made by the company owners, authorized representatives of the company or by the Outagamie Sheriff's Department, not by the Town of Greenville Fire Department.

Should detonation occur with fire, concentration should be made to contain the fire and the rescue of trapped persons.

Safety- All members are to be in full protective clothing including SCBAs until otherwise informed by the Incident Commander. At no time shall Fire Department personnel be engaged in searching for bombs, incendiary devices, or similar devices. Should a bomb detonate, caution should be used. A second bomb may detonate to cause injury to emergency response personnel.