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Explosives Disposal Unit

902.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Eugene Metropolitan Explosives Disposal Unit (EDU) is composed of members of the Eugene Police Department and other participating law enforcement agencies. Its purpose is to provide the Eugene Metropolitan area and the rural areas surrounding Eugene and bounded by Lane County, with a response team of technicians specifically trained in the safe handling, disarmament and disposal of explosive materials deemed to be dangerous to the health, safety, or welfare of the public.

902.2 EUGENE METROPOLITAN EXPLOSIVES DISPOSAL UNIT NOTIFICATION CRITERIA

The Watch Commander will notify the EDU supervisor when any of the listed conditions are met:

- a. When a suspicious package is discovered *and* EDU expertise is requested to identify whether or not it may contain an explosive or incendiary device.
- b. Anytime an improvised explosive device or incendiary device is discovered, either intact or detonated, regardless of whether or not a criminal act is involved or not.
- c. Anytime any suspected explosive compound, regardless of condition, is discovered.
- d. For any discovery of military ordinance or ammunition greater than .50 caliber that is abandoned, illegally possessed, or voluntarily surrendered.
- e. For any discovery of blasting caps. *(In some instances, the EDU supervisor may authorize the transport of two or fewer shunted electric blasting caps that are determined to be in stable condition. The EDU supervisor will provide instructions for doing so.)*
- f. For any fireworks located in large quantities, or that have substantial explosive potential (for example, multiple M-80s or M-1000s fireworks), or whenever legal fireworks have been modified, combined, or altered to the degree that an improvised explosive device has been created from the modification. *(An example would be several fireworks adhered together in order to create an enhanced blast effect.)*

902.3 EDU CALL-OUT PROCEDURES

902.3.1 CALL-OUTS WITHIN LANE COUNTY

All requests for EDU will be vetted through the EDU supervisor. The EDU supervisor will evaluate the request and determine if team activation is necessary. Some activations may only require partial team response, or only require a specific piece of equipment.

902.3.2 CALL-OUTS OUTSIDE LANE COUNTY

Some outside agency requests for EDU deployment may come through the dispatch center. These requests should be directed to the EDU supervisor. The EDU supervisor will evaluate the request and determine if team activation is necessary. The EDU supervisor will make notifications through the chain of command for any activation of the EDU team outside the boundaries of Lane County.

902.4 EDU SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES

The EDU supervisor will be responsible for the following:

- a. Maintaining a computerized list updated with the phone/pager numbers of all EDU members and call-out sequence.
- b. Notifying the Watch Commander of any EDU response in the Eugene city limits that did not originate with the Watch Commander.
- c. Evaluating the incident and assigning personnel as required.
- d. Entering all EDU activity into the Bomb and Arson Tracking System computer database maintained by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms.