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**Safety**

**NOTIFYING THE BASE FIRE DEPARTMENT  
ON CHANGES TO EXPLOSIVE OPERATIONS  
OR LOCATION CHANGES**

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This Fighter Wing Instruction (FWI) implements AFMAN 91-201, *Explosive Safety Standards*, and establishes procedures and responsibilities for notifying the Base Fire Department of any changes to explosives status of an explosive operation or a location change.

**1. Responsibility.** Compliance with this instruction will be assured by the senior technician/supervisor of any operation that includes explosives. To include explosive devices such as Egress and Life support items when the aircraft is placed in the hanger or fuel cell. Jammed ammunition loading assembly's (ALA) being performed in the armament back shop. Storage of Egress, Survival and Life support items, and all explosive build up operations and changes to locations of explosives in the munitions storage area or munitions holding area.

**2. Policy:**

2.1. It is Air Force Policy that the Base Fire Department is aware of any operation involving explosives or storage of explosives.

**3. Notification Procedures:**

3.1. Placing an aircraft in the hanger or fuel cell.

3.1.1. The senior technician/supervisor involved with placing an aircraft in the hanger or fuel cell will contact Maintenance Coordination Function (MCF) to inform them of the aircraft being placed in the hanger.

3.1.2. MCF will notify the Base Fire Department (telephone number 8-3105, 8-3845) of the Class/Division of the explosives loaded in the aircraft. MOC only needs to give the fire department the highest class/division of the explosives installed in the aircraft.

3.1.3. MCF does not have to keep contacting the fire department every time an aircraft is placed in the hanger. If an aircraft has been placed in the hanger, and the fire symbol has been called in

to the fire department, then there is no need to contact the fire department again if another aircraft is placed in the hanger because the class/division has not changed.

3.1.4. The highest Class/Division of Egress, survival and life support explosives installed in an aircraft are as follows:

CLASS/DIVISION	NOUN	FIRE SYMBOL
1.3	catapult, rocket	3
1.3	spin up gyro	3

3.1.5. After the aircraft is in the hanger or fuel cell, ensure that fire symbol 3 is placed on the building.

3.2. Clearing jammed ammunition loading assemblies/aircraft gun systems in the back shop (bldg 265).

3.2.1. When ever 30MM explosives are brought into bldg. 265, the senior technician/supervisor will ensure that the fire department is notified. This will include weapons loading personnel who bring in a jammed ALA to be cleared by the armament back shop.

3.2.2. A fire symbol 4 will be placed on the building.

3.3. Security police, Egress, Survival and life support.

3.3.1. These functions must ensure that the base fire department is aware of the highest class/division of explosives stored in their respective areas.

3.3.2. Always ensure that the proper fire symbol is attached to the outside of the building.

3.4. Munitions build up operations/Munitions holding area and storage location changes.

3.4.1. Anytime explosives are moved from its storage location to the maintenance bays, munitions control will be notified of the fire symbol change to the maintenance bays.

3.4.2. Munitions control notifies the base fire department of the fire symbol change. And again when the symbol is cleared.

3.4.3. Anytime there is a changes in storage location of explosives that requires a fire symbol change, munitions control will be notified and in turn will notify the base fire department.

3.4.4. Munitions control will maintain status boards with the present fire symbol assigned to each storage or maintenance bay and the munitions holding area.

3.4.5. The correct fire symbol will be placed on both the forward and rear doors of all storage and maintenance bays and the munitions holding area that contain explosives.

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