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**EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL
ASSISTANCE TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES**

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This instruction implements AFD 32-30, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal*. It assigns responsibilities and prescribes procedures for EOD to assist civil authorities with incidents involving commercial explosives or improvised explosive devices (IEDs). It implements applicable portions of AFJI 32-3002, *Interservice Responsibilities For Explosive Ordnance Disposal*, AFI 31-202, *Military Working Dog Program*, AFI 32-3001, *Air Force EOD Program*, AFMAN 91-201, *Explosive Safety Standards*, and AMCI 32-3001, *Air Mobility Command EOD Program*. It applies to all personnel on McGuire Air Force Base and tenant unit personnel as specified.

1. General Information and Responsibilities.

1.1. The Installation Commander delegates authority to the Support Group commander to dispatch EOD teams in response to emergency incidents off-base.

1.1.1. The McGuire EOD flight may provide assistance to civil authorities if the Support Group commander determines it is required in the interest of public safety, or when requested by the Army EOD Area Control Center. McGuire EOD assistance to civil authorities is normally limited to local communities and must not interfere with the AMC mission.

1.2. In accordance with AFI 32-3001, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Program*, the first service to discover a transportation accident or incident involving Federally owned or controlled explosive ordnance must:

1.2.1. Using the fastest mode of transportation available, ensure an EOD team arrives at the scene as soon as possible (within 4 hours).

1.2.2. Try to prevent or limit loss of life, injury, property damage, and minimize public inconvenience.

1.3. The Chief of Transportation will ensure EOD response vehicles are highly reliable and afforded priority maintenance in order to respond over the road to all bases and assigned areas.

1.4. Civil authorities are primarily responsible for the safe handling and disposal of improvised explosive devices (IED), nonmilitary commercial explosives, or similarly dangerous articles outside DoD installations.

1.5. Installation commanders may, on request from civil authorities, provide EOD assistance in accordance with AFJI 32-3002, *Interservice Responsibilities For Explosive Ordnance Disposal*. In accordance with AFI 32-3001, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Program*, para 2.1.2, the senior EOD representative and the on-scene commander make a joint assessment and assign an incident risk category to situation.

1.6. When the decision is made to provide assistance to civil authorities, the Support Group Commander, or a designee qualified to make the required on-scene command and risk decisions, should accompany the EOD team off-base. The Support Group commander may designate the EOD Flight Chief or NCOIC to fulfill this role, if they are available.

1.7. The Staff Judge Advocate, or Legal Office representative, will provide legal advice in order to avoid possible violation of the Posse Comitatus Act and to protect US Air Force personnel and interests.

2. Notification Procedures.

2.1. Direct requests from civil authorities will be referred to the McGuire EOD Flight, at (609) 724-2205/4180, during duty hours and the McGuire Command Post, at (609) 724-3935/6, after duty hours.

2.2. Requests from the U.S. Army's 63rd EOD Control Detachment are received by the McGuire EOD Flight during duty hours and the McGuire Command Post after duty hours.

2.3. The individual receiving the call during duty hours will record all pertinent data regarding the request. After duty hours, the command post will record the necessary data and contact the primary EOD person on standby.

2.4. The senior EOD person on duty determines personnel requirements and advises HQ AMC/CEOX of the request.

2.5. The Legal Office representative and senior EOD person will contact the Support Group Commander to provide information on the legal aspects and EOD's capability to support request.

2.5.1. Requests for legal consultation shall be directed to the Staff Judge Advocate or legal office at (609) 724-4601, during normal duty hours. The on call JAG can be reached by contacting McGuire Command Post, at (609) 724-3935/6, after duty hours.

2.6. The senior EOD person will notify the McGuire Public Affairs Office to provide information regarding the nature of the response. PA can be reached at (609) 724-2104/3647, or by contacting the McGuire Command Post, at (609) 724-3935/6.

2.7. A backup EOD team will be placed on standby, for base support, until the primary team returns.

2.8. The EOD team may request a Military Working Dog Team (MWDT) to accompany them off-base. This request will be channeled through the Law Enforcement Desk, at (609) 724-2001.

3. Response Procedures.

- 3.1. With the approval of the Support Group Commander, the McGuire EOD team will respond to incident site.
- 3.2. The senior EOD technician will:
 - 3.2.1. Formulate a render safe procedure or a plan of action to abate the hazard, and brief the on-scene commander, the commander's representative, or senior civilian authority on the proposed actions and possible damages that may occur.
 - 3.2.2. Limit exposure of EOD personnel to risk of injury or loss of life, unless the threat to the civilian populace is so severe that the risk is clearly justified.
- 3.3. The EOD team will not make any statements to the news media. All news media requests for information will be directed to Public Affairs.

4. Limitations.

- 4.1. Non-DoD toxic or hazardous materials are not taken to military installations for storage or disposal unless:
 - 4.1.1. The situation is clearly determined an emergency or lifesaving operation by the senior EOD representative and on-scene commander.
 - 4.1.2. Formal agreements exist with other Federal agencies.
- 4.2. MWDT may be used to help search large areas for explosive devices. IAW AFI 31-202, *Military Working Dog Program*, at no time will the MWDT be exposed to a hazard such as sniffing a known/suspect device that has already been located. Only EOD personnel can determine whether or not an item is real or a hoax.

5. After Actions.

- 5.1. Upon returning to McGuire AFB, the EOD team chief will notify the Command Post, and debrief Support Group Commander on assistance provided.
- 5.2. EOD personnel subpoenaed to provide knowledgeable testimony will seek legal advice from the base legal office prior to appearing in court.
- 5.3. All necessary reports are prepared and sent to HQ AMC/CEOX.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

AFI 31-202, *Military Working Dog Program*

AFI 32-3001, *Air Force EOD Program*

AFMAN 91-201, *Explosive Safety Standards*

AFPD 32-30, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal*

AFJI 32-3002, *Interservice Responsibilities For Explosive Ordnance Disposal*

AMCI 32-3001, *Air Mobility Command EOD Program*