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**EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD)
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 AFI 91-201, *Explosive Safety Standards* and AMCI 32-3001, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Program*, and pertains to 60th Air Mobility Wing and tenant unit personnel as specified.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

Changes in 24-hour emergency response notification from Security Forces Control Center to Wing Command Post.

1. REFERENCES:

- 1.1. AFD 32-30, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal*.
- 1.2. AMCI 32-3001, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Program*.
- 1.3. AFMAN 32-123, *Management of Records*.
- 1.4. AFI 91-201, *Explosive Safety Standards*.

2. General Information and Responsibilities:

- 2.1. The rendering safe and disposal of non-nuclear IEDs, nonmilitary commercial explosives, or similar dangerous illegal devices reported or discovered in areas outside Department of Defense (DOD) installations is normally the responsibility of civil authorities. Primary responsibility for providing EOD assistance to civil authorities rests with the U.S. Army.
- 2.2. The installation commander designates Support Group Commander to send EOD teams off-base.

2.3. Travis 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. Travis EOD assistance to civil authorities is normally limited to local communities and must not interfere with AMC mission.

2.4. Transportation accidents or incidents involving Federally owned or controlled explosive ordnance require the service that first becomes aware to respond as soon as possible. Additionally, the first service to discover an incident involving explosive ordnance of another service or federal agency, regardless of location, promptly takes the following actions:

2.4.1. Use the fastest mode of transportation available. The EOD team must arrive on-scene as soon as possible, within four hours of notification.

2.4.2. Attempt to prevent or limit loss of life, injury, and property damage.

2.5. Chief of Transportation will ensure EOD vehicles are at or above mission essential levels at all times. If maintenance priority beyond mission essential level is required due to special circumstances/projects, EOD will notify 60 TRNS/LGTM.

2.6. When approval is given to provide assistance to civil authorities, the Support Group Commander, or a designee qualified to make the required on-scene command and risk decisions, will accompany the EOD team off-base. The Support Group Commander may designate the EOD Flight Chief or NCOIC to fulfill this role.

2.7. The Staff Judge Advocate (60 AMW/JA) will provide legal advice in order to avoid possible violation of the Posse Comitatus Act and to protect U.S. Air Force personnel and interests. In general, military personnel will not assist in the search, seizure, confiscation, or storage of civilian property to include explosives and incendiaries. EOD personnel can take possession of dangerous civilian explosive items to render them safe and/or perform emergency disposal. However, every sensible effort must be made to keep from bringing dangerous civilian items back to Travis AFB for disposal. Illegal fireworks confiscated on Travis AFB will be immediately disposed of on the EOD proficiency range.

2.8. All emergency requests for EOD assistance will be channeled through Travis AFB Wing Command Post. EOD will provide Wing Command Post with a recall roster and a listing of EOD standby teams.

3. Notification Procedures:

3.1. Any Travis AFB agency receiving a request for EMERGENCY EOD assistance will refer the caller to Travis Wing Command Post.

3.2. Wing Command Post will obtain requester's name and phone number then contact EOD who will use [Attachment 1](#), (EOD Off-Base notification). Support Group Commander will assign an incident category for response. EOD personnel will ensure the Arm Area Control Center is informed of the commander's decision.

3.3. EOD team may request a Military Working Dog Team (MWDT) to accompany them off-base. When requested, Law Enforcement Desk will notify the MWDT.

3.4. Wing Command Post will notify Public Affairs when the Support Group Commander approves the request.

4. Response Procedures:

4.1. The commander's representative will report to civil authority requesting assistance and obtain all known information on the incident. The commander's representative's responsibilities include:

4.1.1. Limiting 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.

4.1.2. Ensure legal advice is provided in order to avoid violations of the Posse Comitatus Act and protect U.S. Air Force interests.

4.2. MWDT may be used to help search large areas for explosive devices. However, at no time will MWDT be unnecessarily exposed to a hazard such as sniffing a known/suspect device that has already been located. Once a known/suspect device is located, EOD will be immediately notified and a cordon established. Only EOD personnel can determine whether or not an item is real or a hoax.

5. After Actions:

5.1. Upon returning to Travis AFB, EOD Team Chief will notify Wing Command Post and brief Support Group Commander on actions taken by the team.

5.2. EOD team will not make any statements to the news media. All news media requests for information will be directed to Public Affairs (60 AMW/PA).

5.3. EOD team will prepare an AFTO Form 3579, Explosive Ordnance Disposal Report, and file one copy of the report in the EOD flight for the Support Group Commander. Also, EOD will maintain and dispose of records IAW AFMAN 32-123, *Management of Records*.

5.4. EOD personnel subpoenaed to provide knowledgeable testimony will seek legal advice from base legal office prior to appearing in court.

6. Forms Prescribed: AFTO Form 3579.

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

AFPD 32-30, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal*

AMCI 32-3001, *Explosive Ordnance Disposal Program*

AFMAN 37-123, *Management of Records*

AFI 91-201, *Explosive Safety Standards*

Attachment 2

EOD OFF-BASE NOTIFICATION

