

CHARLOTTESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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BOMB THREATS / BOMB INCIDENTS	Date: November 8, 2019
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I. POLICY

It shall be the policy of the Charlottesville Police Department to respond to all bomb threats, bomb incidents, or suspected explosive devices.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this general order is to provide guidelines for investigating a reported bomb threat, bombing incident, or suspected explosive device.

III. DEFINITION

Command Post - is a designated location that is usually in the immediate area of a crime scene where officers assemble. Direction and communication is given and operational instructions are formulated and implemented. The nature of a crime scene will usually dictate the type of command post established. Examples of crime scene command posts are a supervisor’s vehicle, street locations, a designated area at a crime scene, specific buildings, etc.

A limited number of the enclosed City of Charlottesville Police Department General Orders have been redacted. The redactions ensure that that Police Department’s operational and tactical responses are withheld for community and Officer Safety (e.g., bank alarm response, response to an active threat, and Tactical Operations).