

**JEFFERSON COUNTY FIRE DISTRICT #1
STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES**

SOG 403

ANTHRAX EMERGENCY RESPONSE

I. PURPOSE

- A. To define the appropriate guidelines for anthrax emergency response within the District.

II. SCOPE

- A. These standards apply to all personnel of the District.

III. AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

- A. It will be the responsibility of the Chief and the Officers to insure that these guidelines are followed.

IV. STANDARDS

- A. Determine if a low or high threat exists by using the following criteria:

THREAT

RESPONSE

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| 1. Envelope/Container not opened | Police |
| 2. Envelope/Container opened/no material | Police |
| 3. Envelope/Container opened/material | Police, Fire, EMS, HazMat |

- B. Response procedures involving the Duty Officer

- 1. Determine if a full response needs to be initiated.
- 2. Determine, with law enforcement, if container needs to be removed from the premise.
- 3. Place the container in a plastic bag, seal it and place it in the HazMat storage container.
- 4. Store the HazMat container in the outside storage container at the station.

- C. Response procedures involving a full station response

- 1. Request Redmond HazMat Team respond.
- 2. Direct response to a low profile staging area, up-wind, up-hill, etc.
- 3. Establish Unified Command.
- 4. Isolate and secure immediate area around material.
- 5. Consider shut down of ventilation system (HVAC system). If available, locate and remove appropriate building drawings.
- 6. Based upon threat, coordinate with building manager to initiate the evacuation plan.

7. If evacuation needed, evacuate building occupants or those in the immediate vicinity of material to one of two secure holding areas:
 - a. "Category A" holding area - direct exposure to material and/or report of strange taste or odor.
 - b. "Category B" holding area - no known direct exposure, but in the same building or immediate vicinity of material.
8. After moving to the holding areas, designate someone to take names, addresses, and phone numbers of all evacuees for follow-up. Await debriefing and distribution of anthrax information sheets.
9. Evacuees will remain in these holding areas until authorized to leave by HazMat personnel.

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