

JACKSONVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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HOMELAND SECURITY

PURPOSE: To ensure that all officers and civilian employees understand their role in remaining vigilant to suspicious situations with potential terrorism significance.

POLICY: All employees shall be alert for suspicious person(s) and/or situations whose activities suggest a potential link to terrorism.

PROCEDURES:

- A. Terrorism defined: Terrorism involves acts committed against individual persons and/or the general public, designed to intimidate, harass, and otherwise cripple or eliminate opposition or resistance to political, mercenary, or commercial goals.
 - 1. A precise definition of all the types of behavior that qualify for such scrutiny is impossible, given the inherent difficulty in predicting terrorist acts, however, the following are among those likely to warrant an officer's attention:
 - a. Persons with an unusual or inexplicable interest in, or presence near, military facilities, secure pharmaceutical facilities, government buildings, utility assets, or other critical infrastructure;
 - b. Persons in possession of sophisticated or unusual weaponry, explosives, or suspected biological or chemical agents;
 - c. Persons in possession of maps, engineering blueprints, photographs of government facilities or significant infrastructures, binoculars, cameras, or unusual communications equipment; and
 - d. Persons who express or imply threats, profess agreement with terrorist aims, or whose overheard conversations suggest possible involvement with terrorist planning or activity; and
 - 2. Officers are cautioned that most of the above factors, by themselves, do not imply terrorist involvement.
- B. Types of Terrorism
 - 1. Chemical incident: Occurs when chemical agents are intentionally released to produce death, injury, or terror.
 - 2. Biological incident: Involves the use of micro-organisms or toxins derived from living organisms to produce death or disease in humans, animals, or plants.
 - 3. Radiological incident: Involves the release of ionizing radiation into the atmosphere such as from a "dirty bomb" or other radiological dispersion device.
 - 4. Nuclear incident: Involves the detonation of a nuclear device and results in an unrestrained fission reaction that causes blast damage.
 - 5. Explosives incident: Occurs when the detonation of explosives causes death, injury, and/or terror.
 - 6. Hostage-taking incident: Involves the taking of hostages to further terrorize the community and attempt to force government or private action.
 - 7. Incendiary incident: Involves intentional ignition of combustible materials designed to start fires.
- C. Response
 - 1. First Responder Responsibilities:
 - a. Any employee of the Department receiving intelligence, information or tips related to