

EXECUTIVE ORDER



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subject
Bomb Threats and False Reports
Number
EO-26-012
Effective Date
October 8, 2026
Related to: GO-SPT-302.01 (Calls for Service)
Rescinds: EO-24-001 (Handling False Alarms, Bomb Threats, and Swatting Incidents), Effective Date March 14, 2024

The purpose of this executive order is to provide procedures for incidents involving bomb threats and other false reports. The Homeland Security Bureau (HSB) Office of Homeland Security and Intelligence (OHSI) handles follow up for all threats, including those directed at District of Columbia government property, agencies, and facilities.

A. Initial Response

1. Members dispatched to the report of a bomb threat or other report of a critical incident shall immediately assess the threat level, the veracity of the call, and the potential need for immediate lifesaving action. Critical incidents shall be handled in accordance with [GO-HSC-800.01 \(Critical Incidents and Unusual Events\)](#).
2. When it is determined that there is no need for immediate lifesaving interventions, members shall gather pertinent information regarding the reported threat (e.g., time, location, nature of the threat, prior calls to the location, information provided by the 911 caller, any suspicious items or observations, and relevant details about the surrounding area including existence of closed-circuit television cameras) and notify a patrol official who shall respond to the scene.

B. Notifications and Documentation

1. The on-scene official shall determine whether the incident occurred in violation of [DC Official Code § 22–1319 \(False alarms and false reports; hoax weapons\)](#) and ensure that it is appropriately classified, documented, and reported.
2. If the call meets the elements of an offense, district detectives shall be notified to continue the initial investigation and documentation in the records management system (RMS).
3. Reporting members shall complete an RMS report in addition to a suspicious activity report in the IWatchDC system prior to the end of the shift.
4. The on-scene official shall email the central complaint number (CCN), IWatchDC number, location, classification, and a brief description of the incident to intel.adminbox@dc.gov.
5. After the initial investigation and response, OHSI shall assume responsibility for

the investigation.

6. District watch commanders shall log the event in the PD 150 (Watch Commander Report).

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