



Policy Revision Request

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This revision applies to New Policy 09-20-23

If new, recommended section 414.4

This revision is necessary to comply with Best Practices

Whom does this revision affect? Department

This revision has an unbudgeted financial impact of \$ 0

Brief reason for the revision:

The revised policy creates a protocol for officers concerning initiating criminal charges for incidents involving suspicious packages, potentially hazardous devices, or any incidents with explosives. Under this directive, any decision to level criminal charges in instances where the bomb squad has been deployed must first secure authorization from qualified bomb squad representatives.

Document the changes or additions to the policy below. Please include the specific policy number. ~~Red strikethroughs~~ are used for deletions and blue underlined for text insertions. Please email completed forms to APDPolicy@austintexas.gov. Use this email for any related questions or issues for policy.

414 Bomb Threats, Explosive Devices, and Bombing/Explosion Incidents

414.4 Criminal Charges Relating to Explosive Devices and Explosive Incidents

Criminal incidents involving explosives, hoax devices, improvised explosive devices, explosive ordnance, or deadly conduct involving explosives are often investigated in conjunction with or deferred to federal partners (e.g., ATF, FBI). Properly filing the appropriate criminal charges demands advanced training and specialized expertise.

(a) When the Bomb Squad responds to or receives contact about explosive materials, officers and detectives must consult with Bomb Squad personnel and obtain their authorization before filing any criminal charges, including but not limited to:

1. Hoax Bomb
2. Deadly conduct relating to explosives
3. Components of Explosives

(b) If Department personnel discover potential criminal charges during an investigation, they shall contact the on-call Bomb Squad supervisor for guidance before filing charges.