

Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This agreement is entered into by and between the Chief Executive Officers of the following public safety agencies:

Boone County, Missouri Sheriff's Department;
City of Columbia, Missouri Fire Department;
City of Columbia, Missouri Police Department; and
University of Missouri-Columbia Police Department.

Each Chief Executive Officer agrees to ensure that the personnel and equipment under their direction abide by the terms and conditions of this agreement.

PURPOSE

This memorandum of understanding creates the *Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad* (hereinafter referred to as the *Bomb Squad*) as a multi-agency cooperative effort involving the Boone County Sheriff's Department (BCSD); the Columbia Fire Department (CFD); the Columbia Police Department (CPD); and the University of Missouri-Columbia Police Department (MUPD). This MOU establishes and formalizes the duties and responsibilities of the participating agencies as related to the operation of the *Bomb Squad* and the response to incidents involving actual or suspected explosive or incendiary devices.

The participating agencies recognize that, by forming the *Bomb Squad* as a cooperative effort, the costly duplication of equipment and services will be minimized or avoided, sufficient personnel and equipment will be available to respond to emergencies, and superior services will be provided to the residents of the City of Columbia, the County of Boone, and all of Mid-Missouri.

MISSION

The primary mission of the *Bomb Squad* is to respond to incidents involving actual or suspected explosive or incendiary devices and conduct render-safe operations and disposal of any such devices. The *Bomb Squad* is also available to: participate in criminal investigations involving explosive or incendiary devices; accommodate explosive breaching during high-risk tactical operations; utilize remote-controlled robots to conduct surveillance and transport necessary items during high-risk tactical situations; conduct pre-event bomb sweeps of public venues, and provide support during dignitary protection operations.

The *Bomb Squad* may respond anywhere in Columbia, Boone County, and Mid-Missouri upon request from any public safety agency; and will also respond elsewhere in Missouri, or beyond, at the request of the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), any other Federal Law

Enforcement Agency, or any Law Enforcement Agency in the State of Missouri requesting Mutual Aid with approval of the Bomb Squad Commander.

MANAGEMENT

DIRECTION

Responsibility for the overall direction and management of the *Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad* will be vested in an Executive Board. The Executive Board will be comprised of each of the Chief Executive Officers, or their designees, of the participating agencies.

SUPERVISION

The Executive Board will designate a member of the Bomb Squad to serve as *Bomb Squad Commander*. The commander will be responsible for the daily operations of the *Bomb Squad* and will coordinate management with the Executive Board. Responsibility for the individual conduct of participating members will remain vested in the respective Chief Executive Officers.

RESOURCES

EQUIPMENT

Equipment owned or acquired by participating agencies will remain the separate property of the respective agencies. However, participating agencies agree to make all related tools, supplies, equipment, and vehicles available for use by the *Bomb Squad*.

PERSONNEL

The Mid-Missouri Bomb Squad shall consist of four (4) members, each serving on a part-time basis. CPD agrees to provide at least two bomb technicians to the *Bomb Squad* on a part-time and as-needed basis. CFD agrees to provide at least one bomb technician to the *Bomb Squad* on a part-time and as-needed basis. MUPD agrees to provide at least one bomb technician to the *Bomb Squad* on a part-time and as-needed basis.

Each participating agency shall be solely responsible for the personnel costs, including wages, benefits, and provision of workers compensation insurance, of their employees or volunteers at all times, regardless of the location of any response.

OPERATIONS

INCIDENT COMMAND

The parties agree that the overall incident command is, and will remain, vested with the law enforcement agency responsible for criminal investigation at the geographic location of the incident

BOMB SQUAD COMMAND

The *Bomb Squad Commander* will have exclusive control and responsibility for the response, preliminary investigation, rendering safe, and disposal of any suspected explosive or incendiary device.

REPORTING

All members shall file necessary written reports through the agency with whom the member is employed or engaged as a volunteer. The Bomb Squad Commander shall ensure that copies of all reports compiled be collected and forwarded to the appropriate prosecutorial and investigative agencies.

TRAINING

Bomb Squad training activities will be conducted as a joint and cooperative venture and will, to the extent possible, involve all members of the *Bomb Squad*. Training should be conducted in a manner consistent with national standards and best practices established by a designated organization or agency.

Each party shall ensure that its bomb technicians maintain necessary certifications and qualifications, which include but are not limited to: maintaining Missouri peace officer certification; completing basic bomb technician training; completing bomb technician recertification as required by the applicable certifying body; and maintaining physical and mental fitness.

CIVIL LIABILITY

No member of the *Bomb Squad* shall be considered an agent of any participating agency other than the agency with whom the member is employed or engaged as a volunteer. Each participating agency shall be liable only, if at all, for the negligent, reckless, or intentional acts of its own employees or volunteers.

DURATION

This agreement shall remain in effect until terminated by any participating agency by giving 120-day written notice to the Chief Executive Officers, or their designees, of the other participating agencies.

The Curators of the University of Missouri

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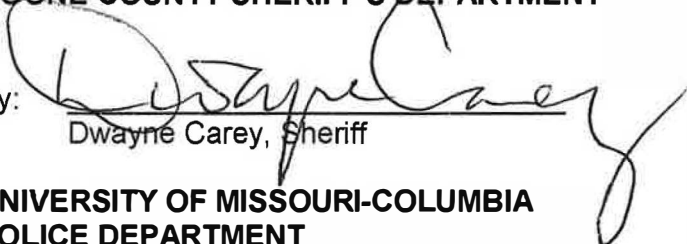
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