

BOMB RESPONSE TEAM

DESCRIPTION	A team of Bomb Technicians investigates suspicious items and renders safe hazardous devices.
RESOURCE CATEGORY	Law Enforcement Operations
RESOURCE KIND	Team with personnel/equipment components
OVERALL FUNCTION	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Investigates, renders safe, and disposes of suspected hazardous devices, explosives, explosive materials (as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives currently defines), pyrotechnics, and ammunition Coordinates investigations with other local, state, and federal partners Conducts bomb crime scene investigations Collects and preserves evidence Provides technical support to special operations, dignitary protection, and special events
COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Using established protocol, the Bomb Squad having jurisdiction over the incident frequently requests Bomb Teams When a federal agency is the lead agency for the incident, requestor should coordinate assets through that agency Mission needs dictate the desired team type: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The requestor should specify the threat conditions, location, and operational environment Requests for resources should occur in direct consultation with the Bomb Squad Commander of the provider Only National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Bomb Response Teams perform diagnostic and render safe procedures in CBRNE events.

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NOTES
MINIMUM PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	2	Not Specified
MANAGEMENT, OPERATIONS, AND SUPPORT PERSONNEL PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	2 - NIMS Type 1 Bomb Technician	The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Hazardous Devices School certifies Bomb Technicians, in accordance with the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians.
DETECTION AND DIAGNOSTIC EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1 - Portable x-ray system 1 - Radiation detector	The National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians defines detection and diagnostic equipment.
COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1 - Handheld two-way radio 1 - Wireless device	Interoperable Communications should provide real-time communications between their department and national resources across information technology systems that provide voice, photographic, and data capabilities. The National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians defines specified equipment.



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ACCESS AND REMOVAL EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - General Service Bomb Response Robot	Same as Type 3	1 - Rigging kit 1 - Set of hand tools	The National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians defines specified equipment.
DEFEAT AND DISPOSAL EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - Disrupter	Same as Type 3	1 - Disrupter 1 - Demolition kit	The National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians defines specified equipment.
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	2 - Full coverage Bomb Suit compatible with a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)	1 - Full coverage Bomb Suit	Not Specified	NIMS Type 1 Teams use appropriate PPE in accordance with the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians.
TRANSPORTATION EQUIPMENT PER TEAM	Same as Type 2	1 - Vehicle	Not Specified	A NIMS Type 3 Team may have access to a vehicle capable of carrying requisite personnel and equipment based on mission needs.



NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated component and capability.

REFERENCES

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