

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"> 1. 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 2. Coordinates investigations with other local, state, and federal partners 3. Conducts bomb crime scene investigations 4. Collects and preserves evidence 5. Provides technical support to special operations, dignitary protection, and special events 	COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Using established protocol, the Bomb Squad having jurisdiction over the incident frequently requests Bomb Teams 2. When a federal agency is the lead agency for the incident, requestor should coordinate assets through that agency 3. Mission needs dictate the desired team type: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The requestor should specify the threat conditions, location, and operational environment b. Requests for resources should occur in direct consultation with the Bomb Squad Commander of the provider c. Only National Incident Management System (NIMS) Type 1 Bomb Response Teams perform diagnostic and render safe procedures in CBRNE events.

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Personnel	Per Team	Minimum	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	2	Not Applicable
			NOTES: Not Specified			
Personnel	Per Team	Management, operations, and support	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	2 - NIMS Type 1 Bomb Technician	Not Applicable
			NOTES: The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Hazardous Devices School certifies Bomb Technicians, in accordance with the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians.			
Equipment (Vehicle and Specialized Equipment)	Per Team	Detection and diagnostic	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1 - Portable x-ray system 1 - Radiation detector	Not Applicable
			NOTES: The National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians defines detection and diagnostic equipment.			
Equipment (Communications)	Per Team	Communication	Same as Type 2	Same as Type 3	1 - Handheld two-way radio 1 - Wireless device	Not Applicable
			NOTES: 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.			

RESOURCE TYPES			TYPE 1	TYPE 2	TYPE 3	NO TYPE 4
COMPONENT	METRIC/ MEASURE	CAPABILITY				
Equipment(Vehicle and Specialized Equipment)	Per Team	Access and removal	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - General Service Bomb Response Robot	Same as Type 3	1 - Rigging kit 1 - Set of hand tools	Not Applicable
			NOTES: The National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians defines specified equipment.			
Equipment(Vehicle and Specialized Equipment)	Per Team	Defeat and disposal	Same as Type 2, PLUS: 1 - Disrupter	Same as Type 3	1 - Disrupter 1 - Demolition kit	Not Applicable
			NOTES: The National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians defines specified equipment.			
Equipment: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Per Team	Personal protective equipment (PPE)	2 - Full coverage Bomb Suit compatible with a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA)	1 - Full coverage Bomb Suit	Not Specified	Not Applicable
			NOTES: NIMS Type 1 Teams use appropriate PPE in accordance with the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians.			
Vehicle	Per Team	Transportation	Same as Type 2	1 - Vehicle	Not Specified	Not Applicable
			NOTES: A NIMS Type 3 Team may have access to a vehicle capable of carrying requisite personnel and equipment based on mission needs.			

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COMMENTS

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1. A Bomb Response Team is not a Bomb Squad. A Bomb Squad is a bomb response organization, consisting of at least one Bomb Response Team.

REFERENCES

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1. FEMA, NIMS 509-6: Bomb Technician
 2. U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Critical Incident Response Group, National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians, March 2014
 3. U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF), Enforcement Programs and Services, ATF Federal Explosives Law and Regulations, 2012

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

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