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Chapter 14 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES

The Everett Police Department must be prepared to meet and resolve any situation regardless of its source or magnitude.

Recognizing that not all situations can be handled through the application of normal police procedures, this portion of the manual is designed to establish the authority and procedures necessary to modify the organizational structure and chain of command of the Everett Police Department for the duration of emergency operations

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14.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Deputy Chief of Operations to establish the planning for the Everett Police Department's response to ~~unusual occurrences~~ to critical incidents.

Officers may, at any time, be called upon to respond to major emergency situations. These may involve criminal acts such as bombings, hostage situations, or snipers; or they may involve response to natural or man-made disasters. To ensure that this department responds as promptly and efficiently as possible with the greatest benefit to public safety, procedures have been formulated for response to such occurrences. Officers will familiarize themselves with these procedures and respond to situations in accordance with them.

14.2 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

The Fire Department is responsible for hazardous material control and removal. Officers will notify the Fire Department immediately anytime an incident involving actual or suspected hazardous materials occurs.

Such incidents often involve a serious threat to life or property. It is the policy of this department that evacuation of potential victims shall be considered the highest priority.

Upon receiving information that a hazardous materials incident has occurred, a supervisor will respond to coordinate with the Fire Department and other agencies. The prime responsibility is to establish a perimeter around the site large enough to eliminate the possibility of exposure to citizens and department personnel.

14.3 CLANDESTINE LABORATORIES

It is the policy of the Everett Police Department to set forth guidelines for officers in situations where those officers are dealing with clandestine laboratories and/or hazardous materials associated with clandestine laboratories.

Employees of the Everett Police Department will minimize their exposure to clandestine laboratories and/or a hazardous material at all times.