

## Chapter 14 UNUSUAL OCCURRENCES

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The Everett Police Department must be prepared to meet and resolve any situation regardless of its source or magnitude. The City of Everett has prepared a Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Manual for use by all employees in the event of a major disaster or other emergency event. The manual provides for a strategic response by all employees and assigns specific responsibilities in the event the plan is activated. A printed copy of the CEMP Manual is available in the Emergency Operations Center located in the south precinct. An electronic version is available via the Fire Department Emergency Preparedness site link through the City Intranet.

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.

### 14.1 RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Deputy Chief of Operations to establish the planning for the Everett Police Departments response to critical incidents.

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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 (See Procedures Manual Section 28 – Unusual Occurrences Plan). 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

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