

PINE BLUFF POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY & PROCEDURES MANUAL

	SUBJECT:	POLICY NUMBER 211
	BOMB CALL/BOMB THREATS	ISSUE DATE 02/19/2008
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I. POLICY

Anytime the Pine Bluff Police Department receives information concerning either a bomb threat, or a bomb call, a street Sergeant or shift commander **will be** required to go immediately to the scene and take direct command of the situation. If a supervisor does not respond, it is the initial officers obligation to contact a supervisor immediately

II. PROCEDURE

- A. When responding to a bomb threat, **it is not the responsibility of the police to evacuate any place of business.** This decision will be made by the management of the business.
- B. A search of the business will be conducted by members of the reporting business. They know better than anyone what belongs where, and what appears to be out of place. Officers will assist in the search, but will not conduct it alone.
- C. If an explosive or incendiary device, or military munitions are ever located, at that point a law enforcement officer can initiate an evacuation for safety purposes.
- D. The following steps are a general guideline if an explosive device is ever located:
 - 1. **Do Not** pick up or handle the device.
 - 2. Evacuate the immediate area for safety purposes (officer and general public alike).
 - 3. Notify a supervisor immediately. The supervisor will respond to the scene.
 - 4. The supervisor can then notify the proper agency (ATF or U.S. Army EOD Personnel from the P.B. Arsenal, etc...).