DIRECTIVE 46.3 HOMELAND SECURITY

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This directive consists of the following sections:

46.3.1 Providing Awareness Information

46.3.2 Hazardous Materials Awareness Training

POLICY & PROCEDURE:

Liaison with Other Organizations

The Miami Township Police Department (MTPD) maintains liaison with other agencies for the purpose of information-sharing and multi-jurisdictional preemption of terrorist acts or events. The department subscribes to the following information networks for this purpose:

SWOPINTEL Southwest Ohio Intelligence Network

LEADS (Ohio) Law Enforcement Automated Data System

LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee

In addition, the department maintains contact with the Clermont County Emergency Management Agency and the Greater Cincinnati Fusion Center.

Additional open-source intelligence is gathered from sources such as Federal Emergency Management Agency, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Terrorism Related Intelligence

When terrorism-related intelligence is received by the Miami Township Police Department it shall be shared as follows:

- New intelligence gathered or developed locally:
 - o A report will be prepared identifying the date, time, source and credibility of the intelligence.
 - Notification will be made to the appropriate intelligence network (see 46.3.1).

- o The intelligence received will be shared with department employees and/or other agencies as appropriate. The decision to share this information will be made by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- Intelligence from Official Sources:
 - o The intelligence received will be shared with department employees and/or other agencies as appropriate. The decision to share this information will be made by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.
- Intelligence from Open Sources:
 - o The intelligence received will be shared with department employees and/or other agencies as appropriate. The decision to share this information will be made by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

46.3.1 Providing Awareness Information

The Miami Township Police Department provides public information brochures from the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA and the Ohio Department of Public Safety that encourage preparedness and promote the reporting of information and suspicious activity that may be related to terrorism. The reporting of this information by individuals, and community organizations, public and private, is encouraged.

46.3.2 Hazardous Materials Awareness Training

Awareness Level Training for CBRN and HAZMAT

The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission provides Awareness Level training during Peace Officer Basic Training for events involving chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear weapons (CBRN) and hazardous materials. The purpose of this training is to provide law enforcement officers with the basic knowledge to recognize a CBRN or hazardous material situation and immediately implement basic procedures to have authorities with the technical ability to assess the situation. Further, the training provides law enforcement personnel with the understanding of basic self-protection measures for themselves and others, while also being able to protect the incident scene and controlling the area to prevent unauthorized or unknowing persons form entering a possible contamination zone.

Quadrennially, all first responder personnel will complete in-service training regarding hazardous materials awareness.

Basic Response Guidelines to CBRN or HAZMAT Situations

Upon locating a scene or incident involving hazardous materials or CBRN the initial or primary officer shall respond as follows:

Response

- The primary officer assigned to the call shall respond to the scene using proper response procedures in accordance with department directives.
- Upon arrival, the officer shall size up the incident and attempt to determine nature and extent of the incident.
- Request additional officers, fire, EMS and Hazmat personnel based upon an initial size up of the situation. Advise additional responding officers, resources and EMS units to continue responding emergent, or to utilize normal response procedures
- Advise additional responding units and agencies of the command post and staging locations as well as a safe route of entry. An incident involving CBRN and/or Hazmat may be a protracted incident requiring both the Police and Fire departments cooperation and leadership. These events may be a Unified Command in conjunction with the Fire Department.

Responsibilities at the Scene

The primary officer shall do the following upon arriving at the scene of an incident:

- Approach and position himself upwind, upstream, and uphill from the incident. Do not approach the immediate hazard, handle, or touch any items or victims.
- Observe the scene from a safe distance and remain cognizant of any visible clouds, leaks, spills, odors, vapors, or gases seen or perceived.
- From a safe distance observe the locations and conditions of possible victims.
- Watch for clues to include, but not limited to conditions of any vehicle, buildings, or people in the area and/or containers, shape, size, condition, color, markings, placards or labels and/or condition of animals and foliage.
- Consider the possibility of secondary devices or hazards.
- Notify the Clermont County Communications Center and responding units of known and possible hazards identified.
- Determine exact location of incident and obtain a command channel from the Clermont County Communication Center.
- Communicate information gathered regarding the incident to the communications center and shift supervisor
- Establish ICS in accordance with MTPD Directive 46.1 and assume command of the scene until the arrival of a supervisor or more qualified individual.
- Establish a perimeter and evaluate need to evacuate nearby people or structures.
- Protect the scene, restricting access only to essential/qualified personnel inside the perimeter.
- Identify location of any victims, if possible.
- Establish a central triage area for victims and advise incoming medical units of the location.
- Establish a holding area for contaminated victims and witnesses. Do not attempt to rescue victims within a contaminated area without proper personal protective

- equipment (PPE). Verbal instructions may be used to direct ambulatory victims out of the contaminated area into the appropriate holding area.
- Identify witnesses and secure them.
- Maintain command of the scene until the arrival of a supervisor or more qualified individual.
- Transfer command through a complete face-to-face situation briefing. Notify the Clermont County Communications Center and all personnel on scene when command has been transferred.