

## **Bomb Threats and Improvised Explosive Device (IED) Response**

Multnomah Falls is one of the most visited tourist destinations in the United States with approximately 2 million visitors each year. Protestors with signs have been known to visit the area with the hope of promoting awareness for their cause. No place is immune. Schools, churches, shopping areas and other locations where large numbers of people congregate can all be potential targets.







As seen in past events, no public place is immune to this threat. It is important to remember that in many IED attacks around the world, first responders have been the primary target. When responding to a post or pre IED event or even a suspected IED event, first responders need to become more “tactical” in their thinking. It’s not uncommon for multiple “waves” of IEDs to be set up; the first to kill citizens and the following IEDs to kill responding police and fire personnel. In past school shooting incidents, IEDs were discovered in parked cars and garbage cans in the expected evacuation or triage areas.



Boston Marathon Bombing



If the facility in which you’re patrolling receives a bomb threat or if a suspected IED is located, move all people away from the area in a calm, professional manner. **A CELL PHONE OR RADIO SIGNAL MAY IGNITE AN IED. DO NOT TOUCH OR MOVE THE SUSPICIOUS OBJECT.** Be aware that businesses or other establishments may have their own response protocol. Move to a safe distance and call 911. See chart:

<b>ATF</b>	<b>VEHICLE DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MAXIMUM EXPLOSIVES CAPACITY</b>	<b>LETHAL AIR BLAST RANGE</b>	<b>MINIMUM EVACUATION DISTANCE</b>	<b>FALLING GLASS HAZARD</b>
	COMPACT SEDAN	500 Pounds 227 Kilos <i>(In Trunk)</i>	100 Feet 30 Meters	1,500 Feet 457 Meters	1,250 Feet 381 Meters
	FULL SIZE SEDAN	1,000 Pounds 455 Kilos <i>(In Trunk)</i>	125 Feet 38 Meters	1,750 Feet 534 Meters	1,750 Feet 534 Meters
	PASSENGER VAN OR CARGO VAN	4,000 Pounds 1,818 Kilos	200 Feet 61 Meters	2,750 Feet 838 Meters	2,750 Feet 838 Meters
	SMALL BOX VAN <i>(14 FT BOX)</i>	10,000 Pounds 4,545 Kilos	300 Feet 91 Meters	3,750 Feet 1,143 Meters	3,750 Feet 1,143 Meters
	BOX VAN OR WATER/FUEL TRUCK	30,000 Pounds 13,636 Kilos	450 Feet 137 Meters	6,500 Feet 1,982 Meters	6,500 Feet 1,982 Meters
	SEMI-TRAILER	60,000 Pounds 27,273 Kilos	600 Feet 183 Meters	7,000 Feet 2,134 Meters	7,000 Feet 2,134 Meters