

# Response to Suspicious Objects

#### INTRODUCTION

- This Response to Suspicious Objects training course is an excellent opportunity for emergency response officers and associated roles to enrich their ability to identify how these scenes are responded to and managed. This training course will include how the scenes are assessed, secured, preserved and examined so that harvesting of forensic opportunities are maximized.
- This training course provides the participant with the opportunity to acquire transferable skills within the field of policing including scene containment, crime scene management, practical aspects of risk management, and managing people.
- This Response to Suspicious Objects training course will be delivered by experienced Trainer who will bring a wealth of theoretical and practical knowledge to enhance the learning. There is a strong emphasis on employability skills throughout. This interactive training course will help you to determine how to define and detect a suspicious object and will explore the ways of managing the risk for a safe outcome.

## This Response to Suspicious Objects training course will highlight:

- Key roles and responsibilities involved in managing and examining reports of suspicious objects
- Manage the initial response to a suspicious object report and response considerations
- HOT Principles
- Joint Agency Working, JESIP, Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles
- Principles of Containment and importance of securing, preserving, and incident site
- Manage risk to ensuring appropriate Health and Safety
- The possible forensic evidence types available from serious traffic collision scenes
- Locard's Principle of Exchange

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Understand the principles of effectively responding to reports of suspicious objects
- Provide the key initial actions to ensure officer and public safety
- Manage a scene with effective health and safety, evidence gathering and scene preservation
- Facilitate effective management of the incident through a Command and Control mechanism
- Work in a Joint Services arena of operation through agreed principles
- Deal effectively with witnesses, suspects, and the general public
- How to apply HOT Principles
- Explain the National Decision-Making Model and how it impacts on Command Decisions

#### TRAINING METHODOLOGY

- Practical exercises and a desk top exercise following a hypothetical incident
- Discussions
- Presentations
- The course content is emphasized through practical application of the skills.

## ORGANISATIONAL IMPACT

- The organization will acquire a thorough understanding of the principles and practices required in effective response to reports of suspicious objects to ensure safe and positive outcomes.
- Establish standardized procedures of responding to reports of suspicious objects
- Enhance public trust and confidence in the organization's ability to manage incident scenes
- Develop standardized protocols for containment at incident scenes
- Improve knowledge of staff in managing initial response and develop awareness of risk to ensure officer safety
- Build in organizational resilience for Major Scene Managers
- Less days lost through accidental injury to officers
- Reputational Integrity through enhanced confidence and trust of Government Departments

#### PERSONAL IMPACT

- Delegates will gain skills in safely managing scenes, co-working with other agencies and considering and processing hypotheses in investigation.
- Awareness of the critical challenges of initial responding to reports of suspicious objects
- Identifying resources, experts and other supporting specialists that can maximize effective management of scenes of suspicious objects
- Understanding the processes and discipline required to successfully contain scenes involving suspicious objects
- Understanding managing and sequencing the roles and responsibilities for all those engaged in scene examination
- Development in working in a multiagency situation with standardized command structure
- Enhanced knowledge of managing Health and Safety

#### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

This training course is ideal for Police and Civil Defense First Responders. It is suitable
for junior to middle rank officers who manage response to operational incidents and who
manage incident scenes. It would benefit Senior Officers who supervise or mentor junior
officers who perform this role.

This training course is suitable to a wide range of professionals but will greatly benefit:

- · First Responders
- Lieutenants
- Captains
- Majors
- Lieutenant Colonels
- Colonels

## **Course Outline**

## Defining a Suspicious Object and Principles of Response

- Definition of Suspicious Object
- Introduction to Desktop exercise
- HOT Principles
- Deployment priorities and considerations
- Response Principles

# Deployment, Containment and Scene Management

- Approach to Incident scene considerations
- Information gathering and harvesting
- Containment Specific for Suspicious
- Containment and exercise
- Major Suspicious Object Incident
- Scene Management

# Decision Making Model, Managing Risks and Command and Control

- Sketches and Scene Recording considerations
- Command and Control
- Safe Scene considerations
- Managing Risks
- NDMM National Decision-Making Model

# Principles of Multi Agency Working and Initial Investigations

- Multi agency working and JESIP Principles (Joint Emergency Interoperability Principles)
- Golden Hour of Investigation and Lines of Enquiry
- Effective Management of Investigation Process at Scene
- Locard's Principle of Exchange
- Idealized Decision-making Model

# Management of Witnesses and Suspects

- Witness Management
- Hypotheses
- Witness Management
- Suspect Management

