Vehicle Borne Improvised Explosive Device (VBIED)
FIRST RESPONDER AWARENESS CARD

IDENTIFICATION

VBIEDs can be discovered during a terrorist or criminal explosives response or will be discovered when conducting normal, routine activities. VBIEDs will be designed to be concealed or blend in as an ordinary vehicle:

VISIBLE INDICATORS:

- **Responders should be very cautious of any vehicles that arouse your curiosity.**
- A vehicle is parked suspiciously for a prolonged amount of time in a central location or strategic location.
- The vehicle or vehicles rear appears to be weighted down.
- Stolen, non-matching plates or no plates at all.
- Wires, bundles, electronic components, unusual containers or materials visible in the vehicle.
- Unknown liquids or materials leaking under vehicle.
- Unusual attachments or bodywork.
- **Any combination of the above described items.**

FIRST RESPONDERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO APPROACH A CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED VBIED; THIS IS A JOB FOR SPECIALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL.

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Response sheet is for training and informational purposes only. Please utilize local guidelines and procedures.

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RESPONDING

- When responding, get all the dispatch information you can via pager, cell phone or mobile data terminal (MDT). Do not discuss over radio if possible.
- Scan the areas where you are parking and staging.
- Minimum stand off distance of 1,750 feet from the vehicle.
- Rapidly implement and utilize Incident Command System (ICS) and necessary components. Incident Commander, Safety Officer, etc.
- **Always be aware of secondary devices.**
- Do not use two-way radios, cell phones, mobile data terminals (MDT) within 1,750 feet of the vehicle or suspected vehicle if possible.
- Observe the vehicle with binoculars or spotting scope.
- Clear and control the area of operation as you would a hazmat event.
- **Responders should be very cautious of any vehicles or items that arouse your curiosity.**
- Never approach a suspicious vehicle once an indicator of possible VBIED has been given.

FIRST RESPONDERS SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO MOVE, HANDLE OR DISARM A CONFIRMED OR SUSPECTED VBIED; THIS IS A JOB FOR SPECIALLY TRAINED PERSONNEL.

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