

TEXARKANA, TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT  
GENERAL ORDERS MANUAL

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**SECTION 1 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to specify the contact agency to assist the Department with biohazard incidents.

**SECTION 2 POLICY**

It is the policy of the Department to immediately contact the Bowie Health Department and the Texarkana, Texas Fire Department who have agreed to respond and assist in the event of a biohazard incident.

**SECTION 3 PROCEDURES**

- A. The Texarkana, Texas Fire Department has personnel who are certified technician level hazmat responders.
- B. In the event of a biohazard incident, the on-duty supervisor will ensure that the Texarkana, Texas Fire Department is immediately notified and provided with all available information related to the incident.
- C. In the event of a biohazard incident, the on-duty supervisor will also ensure that the Bowie County Health Department officials are immediately notified and provided with all available information related to the incident.
- D. The Department will work in concert with the Fire Department and Health Department officials to mitigate the biohazard.

**D. RESPONSIBILITY**

- 1. All members of the Department shall know and comply with all aspects of this directive.
- 2. All Division Commanders and supervisory personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with the provisions and intent of this directive.