INTER-AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR THE

SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

BOMB TASK FORCE

OBJECTIVE

The San Luis Obispo County Bomb Task Force will offer its services to all law enforcement and fire protection agencies within the county of San Luis Obispo.

GOAL

To pool personnel, equipment, and funds in order to provide the safest handling and disposal of explosive material, while offering maximum protection to the bomb technicians and the citizens of San Luis Obispo County.

ADMINISTRATION

General: The Bomb Task Force will be coordinated by the governing board (CJAA), to oversee the operation and ensure that the provisions of the agreement are met.

The Sheriff's Office will maintain reports regarding explosive incidents and trends, and will comply with state and federal reporting procedures relating to the explosive cases (such as those required by the BATF and FBI Bomb Data Center).

The Bomb Technician will work at the direction of the requesting agency, except regarding the actual removal, rendering safe and disposal of explosives. These tasks will be performed in a manner as preferred by the individual bomb technician.

Final decision of the procedure for the handling of a device or explosive will be made by the onsite bomb technician in concert with the ranking officer in charge of the incident. It shall be the technician's prerogative to discontinue their involvement at any point where local decisions are in conflict with their determination as to a safe method of dealing with a device or suspected device.

Liability: The requesting agency shall be responsible for the acts of the task force and shall hold harmless and free the Bomb Task Force, its members, and their respective employers from all claims, losses, damages, lawsuits, and/or liabilities arising out of Task Force activities regardless of any individual or joint negligence (per advice of the San Luis Obispo City Attorney).

Task Force Funds: A checking account and record of all contributions and expenditures of the Bomb Task Force shall be maintained by San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office with an annual report of expenditures and balance provided, upon request, to each contributing agency.

Member Selection: Each bomb technician assigned to the Bomb Task Force must be a full time peace officer and a graduate of the FBI-US Army Hazardous Devices School conducted at Redstone Arsenal, Huntsville, Alabama or its equivalent. Additionally, due to the close teamwork required in dealing with explosives, each new member will be admitted to the Task Force only after receiving unanimous endorsement from each existing member. The bomb technicians may utilize additional assistants and technical advice at their own discretion.

Each Bomb Task Force member must participate by his/her own personal choice, and may end affiliation with the Task Force at any time.

Communication and On Call: A bomb technician request should be generated through the Sheriff's Communication Center who will maintain a current on-call list. Barring something unforeseen, a bomb technician will be available to respond within a reasonable time.

Press Releases: Press releases should be made by the agency that requested Bomb Task Force assistance. However, it is recommended that no press release be made on incidents involving bomb threats, improvised explosive devices, or minor bombing incidents. Keeping bomb

Press releases....incidents confidential will discourage "copy-cat" bombers or those seeking notoriety from their actions.

At no time will technical information regarding the function of an improvised explosive device or any rendering safe procedure be divulged to the press.

Training: In order to maintain and improve skills, the Bomb Task Force should make every effort to conduct one full training day per month.

Advanced training courses and seminars should be attended by every member with as much frequency as possible. Each Bomb Task Force member is expected to maintain membership in the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators (IABTI).

SERVICES

Bomb Threats: The Bomb Task Force will not generally respond to unsubstantiated bomb threats. These calls should be handled by patrol officers with a report forwarded to the Bomb Task Force.

Render Safe and Disposal of Explosives: The primary function of the Task Force is to render safe and disposal of hazardous devices, or explosive material. Written reports, photographing devices, and processing for evidence will be conducted when applicable.

Investigation: The Bomb Task Force will provide technical assistance to any agency conducting an explosive related investigation. The local agency will be responsible for conducting explosive related investigations within their jurisdiction.

Post blast investigations will be conducted under the supervision of a bomb technician from the Bomb Task Force, but the majority of personnel will be provided by the local agency. The criminal investigation of an explosion scene will remain the responsibility of the local agency.

Explosive Evidence Storage: Explosive material collected during criminal investigations may be **stored by the Bomb Task Force until court authorized disposal is granted. An explosive storage** magazine will be maintained at the Sheriff's Office Main Facility.

Material: deemed to be unsafe or unstable by a bomb technician will be promptly destroyed in the interest of public safety.

Training: The Bomb Task Force will develop a training program in the recognition of explosives and searching procedures for the patrol officer/ deputy sheriff. Other training assistance may be provided upon the request of any law enforcement or fire protection agency.

Special Weapons and Training: The Bomb Task Force may assist local agencies performing SWAT functions when explosives are believed to be involved, or when explosives may be needed. The bomb technician may be used to initiate explosive entry or explosive diversion at the direction of the local SWAT commander.

CONTRIBUTIONS

Salary: The agency requesting assistance from the Bomb Task Force will not be responsible for paying the bomb technicians salary. The technician's time will be compensated for by his/her employing agency and will be absorbed as a mutual aid service.

Contribution: An annual contribution of $4,600.00 will be made by each participating agency. The San Luis Obispo Police Department is contributing an officer and all costs associated with the officer, therefore they are exempt from this annual contribution. This contribution will be used to purchase capital expense items such as an explosive storage magazine, bomb trailer, x-ray equipment, and safety equipment, tools, supplies, training and other items to provide a specialized service in a professional manner. The San Luis Obispo Sheriff's Office shall be responsible for billing participating agencies, at the beginning of the fiscal year.

We, the below listed Chiefs of Police and Sheriff agree to the conditions of the inter-agency agreement regarding the formulation and maintenance of the San Luis Obispo County Bomb Task Force.

Arroyo Grande P.D.

Atascadero P.D.

Cal Poly University P.D.

Grover Beach P.D.

Morro Bay P.D.

Paso Robles P.D.

Pismo Beach P.D.

S.L.O Police Dept.

S.L.O Sheriff's Office