

# Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue

## **OPERATING PROCEDURE**

No. 204

### **NOVA Joint Action Guide - Hostile Incidents**

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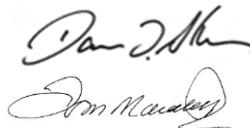
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## **PURPOSE**

To adopt and implement the Northern Virginia Fire and Rescue Department's Operations Joint Action Guide for High Threat Environments 1<sup>st</sup> edition (2016).

## **SCOPE**

All personnel shall become aware, understand, and implement the Joint Action Guide for High Threat Incidents as needed. Fauquier County cannot meet the full complement of apparatus needed for the various assignments as outlined in the Joint Action Guide. Additional apparatus and staffing will have to be requested through mutual aid agreements-which are currently in place and active.

## **I. PREFACE**

- A. The Northern Virginia area fire and rescue departments have been utilizing such manuals for over a decade. The information, strategy and tactics, initial incident command objectives, along with various other incident management concepts contained in the manuals represent years of planning and development. This has been completed through numerous incident responses, local and regional pre-incident planning and lessons learned throughout the region and country.
- B. By having the area fire and rescue departments operate on incident scenes using the same manual, consistency and overall situational awareness are known and understood by all companies operating on a possible High Threat Event as defined by the Joint Action Guide. Fauquier County is considered part of the NOVA Fire and Rescue Departments, and by implementing the Joint Action Guide for High Threat Incidents, allow for mutual aid companies (receiving and assisting) consistency as well

## **II. PROCEDURE**

- A. The Fauquier County Fire and Rescue Association in conjunction with the Chiefs Group and the Fauquier County Department of Fire Rescue, hereby adopt the Northern Virginia Fire/Rescue Department's Operations Manual: Joint Action Guide for High Threat Environments 1<sup>st</sup> edition (2016) as amended in section III.

**Desire to Serve**

**Ability to Perform**

**Courage to Act**

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B. All members in the Fauquier County Fire and Rescue System (career and/or volunteer) shall adhere to the procedures and roles/responsibilities outlined in the Joint Action Guide. Should an event occur in which a High Threat Environment is triggered, the procedures outlined in this manual will serve as reactive measures to guide crews and assist those in danger.

**III. ADDENDUMS**

- A. During events where a combined effort to mitigate an emergency takes place between Fire and Rescue units and Law Enforcement personnel which is deemed to be a High Threat to emergency personnel, Fire and Rescue Command Officers shall provide initial incident command and unit tracking for Law Enforcement resources.
- B. At no time are Fire and Rescue units required or permitted to dictate tactical objectives for law enforcement personnel.
- C. Upon arrival of Law Enforcement Command personnel, a Unified Command Post shall be established and any pertinent information regarding law enforcement and the incident shall be relayed to Law Enforcement Command personnel.
- D. At the onset of the High Threat Incident ALL initial arriving law enforcement will utilize channel 15/O. Fire and Rescue Command Officers should switch to 15/O as well as monitor the assigned operations channel.