



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

This memorandum of understanding, made and entered into this 26th of August, 2014, by and between the City of Grand Junction Police Department, hereinafter known as "Police Department" and the City of Grand Junction Fire Department, hereinafter known as "Fire Department."

WHEREAS, the Police Department has provided hazardous device services to residents of the City of Grand Junction and at request to communities in the Central Rockies region; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Department provides hazardous materials services to residents of the City of Grand Junction, Mesa County, and for all Bureau of Land Management land in Western Colorado; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department and Fire Department administrations recognize benefits to jointly providing hazardous device response and mitigation services,

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby agreed that the Police Department and Fire Department will jointly provide hazardous device services, hereinafter known as Grand Junction Police Department Bomb Squad.

1. The Police Department will provide overall administrative support and supervision over Bomb Squad training and operations.
2. The Bomb Squad will be composed of not less than six members, including three Police Department team members and three Fire Department team members.
3. All Bomb Squad requests for service and response to incidents will be guided by requirements as set forth in the National Guidelines for Bomb Technicians.
4. All responses will be staffed by not less than two trained Bomb Squad technicians from Fire Department and/or Police Department.
5. The Police Department and Fire Department agree that all equipment currently in inventory and/or future purchases will be considered as Grand Junction Police Department Bomb Squad property and will be made available to all members of the team.
6. Skill and safety of team members are paramount; therefore, on-going training of team members will be scheduled and coordinated through the assigned team training coordinator.



7. Cost of equipping and maintaining the team will be considered by each department during the City of Grand Junction's budget process. Various costs will be negotiated and allocated to the appropriate department.

8. Direct supervision and authority over individual team members will remain with the team member's department. Issues relating to a team member's performance on the Bomb Squad will be cooperatively handled between the Bomb Squad Coordinator and appropriate supervisor.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Clamper".

John Clamper, Chief of Police
Grand Junction Police Department

8-27-14
Date

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ken Watkins".

Ken Watkins, Fire Chief
Grand Junction Fire Department

8/26/14
Date