

EXPLOSIVES AND FIREWORKS - GENERAL

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The statutory authority provided to the Department and the Office of the State Fire Marshal include fostering, promotion and development of ways and means of protecting life and property against fire and panic. Other statutory requirements include the investigation of fires and explosions within state facilities and enforcement of fireworks laws. These provisions place a requirement that select individuals within the Department have a working knowledge of and ability to investigate explosions (which would include the proper training, knowledge, and capability of recognizing, dismantling, and/or rendering safe of primary and secondary destructive devices) and to insure the proper transportation and disposal of explosives and illegal fireworks.

The Attorney General's Office issued an informal opinion that these activities are included within the general functions of the Department. (June 26, 1987 S. P. Underwood, Deputy Attorney General)

Only those persons certified by the National Bomb Squad Commanders Advisory Board (NABSCAB) as a Hazardous Devices Technician shall handle or render-safe explosives or destructive devices.

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