PURPOSE

To define the response and notification procedure at the Santa Barbara County Public Safety Dispatch Center following a positive alert from the BDS (Bacillus anthracis AKA “anthrax”) device at the United States Postal Service (USPS) Mailing Processing Facility located at 400 Storke Rd., Goleta.

PROCEDURE

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION REDACTED:
e. Notify the City of Goleta SBSO Lieutenant by radio or page.
f. Notify CHP Ventura Dispatch. CHP may need to intercept any delivery trucks that have left the facility in the last 90 minutes. They may also need to provide traffic control as needed for responders.
g. Provide UCSB PD of a courtesy notification of the alarm. UCSB may become involved in providing staging areas and other logistical support as the incident develops.
h. Notify the EMSA on-duty officer. Dispatch should continue to attempt to reach someone on the PHD Disaster call-out list until contact is made with a live person.
i. In Reddine, send the "BDS Alert Notification" message (found in the "Templates" area of messages) to all county hospitals, AMR and the EMS Agency.

3. All media inquiries should be directed to the County PIO. This will be coordinated by OMEM. No CODE 20 (or similar) will be released on behalf of any one agency. All media information will be coordinated by the County PIO office and in concert with the Joint Information Center.