




# COLUMBIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## 1.0 INITIAL RESPONSE

Officers responding to the scene should approach with care and be alert for survivors and/or wreckage that may have been thrown clear of the accident. Columbia-Richland 911 Communications will be responsible for notifying the Federal Aviation Administration or the appropriate Military Air Base, if applicable.

## 2.0 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

Due to the risk of possible explosions a "No Smoking" rule will be enforced because of the presence of aviation fuel throughout the area.

## 3.0 FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The ranking Fire Department official will have the primary responsibility for command and control as long as fire fighting and rescue operations are being performed.

## 4.0 POLICE DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Police Department shall provide a liaison officer to the Fire Department Incident Command Center.

The department shall assume responsibility for the security of the crash location and debris field.

- An initial isolation area of two thousand (2000) feet in all directions will be established, if possible.
- Obtain names and addresses of all witnesses.
- Prevent the collection of souvenirs.
- Control pedestrian and vehicular traffic within the isolation area.
- Assist the Fire Department in conducting/directing evacuations, if necessary.

The incident location will remain secured until it has been cleared or when a State/Federal agency has assumed the responsibility for the security of site.

## **5.0 MILITARY AIRCRAFT AND/OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

All emergency responders must be examined and cleared by Fire Department or EMS personnel prior to leaving the incident location for any aircraft disaster involving military aircraft or aircraft known to be carrying hazardous materials.