

## **Anthrax or Other Infectious Disease Threat Guidelines**

### **Local Police Agencies**

#### **Actions:**

- (1) Allow no one to enter or leave the potentially contaminated area.
- (2) Notify local fire agency and MERS (898-3696).
- (3) Ensure that the FBI has been dispatched to the scene (856-7800).
- (4) Participate in the incident command system.
- (5) Begin Threat Assessment:
  - Obtain call back number from dispatch and make contact with an individual (i.e., spokesperson) in the potentially contaminated area.
  - Have the caller describe the threat in detail (e.g., exact wording of threat letter or phone call, approximate age of caller, contents of any letter or package, etc.).
  - Ask caller and others inside the potentially contaminated area to describe anything unusual or suspicious (e.g., tampering with the ventilation system, suspicious packages, etc.).