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Explosive Materials Detonated in Beaver Dam

On 03/07/2018, Chief John Kreuziger of the Beaver Dam Police Department was joined by Dodge County Sheriff, Dale Schmidt; FBI Special Agent in Charge, Justin Tolomeo, Beaver Dam Fire Chief Al Mannel and Mayor of Beaver Dam, Becky Glywen to announce the results of today's render-safe operations which called for a controlled detonation of explosive materials discovered at an apartment complex located at 109 Knaup Drive in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin.

The controlled detonation of the highly explosive materials took place at 1:31 p.m. today; the operation was a success, eliminating the threatening explosive materials. There was some structural damage to the building, pending review by a structural engineer. However the damage from the explosion was less severe than anticipated by the explosive experts.

We are anticipating some evacuated residents of nearby locations to begin moving back tonight or tomorrow. That discussion regarding the facilitation of re-entering those properties is taking place in private with the evacuated residents at town hall meeting this evening at Saint Katherine Drexel Parish Center, located at 408 S. Spring Street with the FBI's victim assistance specialist, Dodge County Emergency Management and Dodge County Sheriff, Dale Schmidt, Beaver Dam Police Chief John Kreuziger and FBI Special Agent in Charge, Justin Tolomeo for any residents directly affected by this incident.

We want to thank all partner agencies in this operation, to include Dodge County Sheriff's Office and Emergency Management; the FBI, ATF, Wisconsin DCI, Dane County Sheriff's Office, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, and a long list of law enforcement and fire personnel in responding to this incident.

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Good afternoon. As promised, we want update everyone on the results of today's render-safe operations which called for a controlled detonation of explosive materials discovered at an apartment complex located at 109 Knaup Drive here in Beaver Dam.

I'm joined once again this afternoon, by Dodge County Sheriff, Dale Schmidt , FBI Special Agent in Charge, Justin Tolomayo, our Mayor of Beaver Dam Becky Glywen and Fire Chief Al Mannel.

The controlled detonation of the highly explosive materials took place at 1:31 p.m. today; the operation was a success, eliminating the threatening explosive materials.

- All people and pets were evacuated;
- A large vent was cut in the roof and sandbags strategically placed in and around the apartment to direct the expected shockwave and minimize impact ;
- Doors, windows and patio doors at adjoining properties were boarded with plywood to mitigate the effects of any shock waves;
- Vehicles were towed to prevent damage;
- Counter-charges were placed in around the affected apartment;
- There was some structural damage to the building, pending review by a structural engineer;

At this point in time, we are anticipating some evacuated residents of nearby locations to begin moving back tonight or tomorrow. We will be discussing the facilitation of re-entering those properties in private with the residents at another town hall meeting this evening at 5:00 p.m. That meeting will be back in the basement at Saint Katherine Drexel Parish Center, located at 408 S. Spring with the FBI's Victim Assistance Specialist and Dodge County Emergency Management for any residents directly affected by this incident. AGAIN, the town hall is for residents ONLY, and NOT open to the general public or the media.

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County Sheriff's Office, Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office, and a long list of law enforcement and Fire Rescue agencies in responding to this incident.

Thank you, and we'll take few brief questions.