

PRESS RELEASE

Investigators Seek Help Pipe with Bomb Incidents

The Beverly Police Department, Beverly Fire Department, and the State Fire Marshall's Office are looking for information regarding three pipe bombs that were set off in Beverly recently. The first two detonated were found by the Department of Public Services near the soccer fields on L.P. Henderson Rd in North Beverly. No damage was reported to the fields or surrounding property. The third pipe bomb was detonated on Cogswell Ave where Beverly Police officers responded for a report of vandalism to a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, officers found damage to the vehicle, which consisted of a hole through the right rear tail light assembly, and a piece of metal, found in the trunk area, which appeared to have caused the damage. Further investigation revealed that a pipe bomb had been set off in the street and a fragment of the device was launched approximately 47 feet, where it hit the vehicle and went through the tail light assembly, into the trunk. The pipe bomb also left a burn mark on the street. The victims and several neighbors reported hearing a loud explosion around 8:30 pm the night before but did not see anything out of the ordinary when they went outside to investigate. The explosion was also called in to the police station but the source of the explosion could not be determined at that time.

“These devices represent a serious risk to public safety and the people responsible need to be stopped.” stated Chief Mark Ray. Citizens are asked to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity in their neighborhoods and to report this activity to the police immediately. A pipe bomb can be different sizes but is typically a short length of pipe with an end cap on each end. Anyone finding an object like this is advised to stay away from the object and to call the police immediately.

We are also looking for information specific to the incidents described above where pipe bombs have been detonated. Although there are several leads being investigated, any information could help to solve the case. There is a reward of up to \$5,000 now being offered through the Arson Watch Reward Program. Any information can be passed along anonymously by calling the state Arson Watch Hotline at 1-800-682-9229 or the Beverly Police Detective Division at 978-921-6046 ext 16. Anonymous tips may also be submitted through the Beverly Police Department website at www.beverlypd.org/arsontip.html.

Please help the Beverly Police keep the City of Beverly Safe.