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Sent: Friday, November 22, 2019 10:50 AM
To: Saynewt@msn.com
Cc: Rhoades, Chris <CRhoades@sheriff.summitoh.net>; Brown, Larry <LBrown@sheriff.summitoh.net>; Molly Kapeluck <mkapeluck@cityofgreen.org>; Bob Young <byoung@cityofgreen.org>
Subject: RE: Concussion grenade training at Sheriffs Training Facility

Greetings,

My name is Lt. Chris Plance, Bomb Squad Commander for the Summit County Sheriff's Office. I received your concern through Detective Larry Brown. On the date and time that you heard the explosions, the Summit County Bomb Squad along with the Akron FBI Special Agent Bomb Technicians, were conducting a National Improvised Explosive Familiarization (NIEF) course. We had invited all the Police Chiefs or their designees in Summit County to this presentation to educate them on homemade explosive mixtures, precursors, and the dangers they present. The NIEF course is a national program developed by the FBI for first responders. We have been trained to conduct this course at our facility. The Sheriff's demolition range is specifically constructed for demolition operations. Although the sound of an explosion may travel quite a distance depending on atmospheric conditions, the damaging overpressure will not.

On November 8th, we demonstrated 9 different explosive mixtures to the class. This is why you heard multiple explosions.

We conduct the NIEF course multiple times throughout the year to educate our first responders in recognizing the dangers of homemade explosives for their safety and the public's safety.

We contact a number of agencies prior to these demonstrations, including a post on the Summit County Sheriff's Facebook and Twitter accounts.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

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From: Brown, Larry
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 14:50
To: Plance, Christopher
Subject: Fwd: Concussion grenade training at Sheriffs Training Facility

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note9, an AT&T 5G Evolution smartphone

----- Original message -----

From: Molly Kapeluck <mkapeluck@cityofgreen.org>

Date: 11/21/19 10:35 AM (GMT-05:00)

To: Bob Young <byoung@cityofgreen.org>, "Brown, Larry" <LBrown@sheriff.summitoh.net>

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Larry,

Can you direct Bob who to talk to at the Sheriff's office so that he can try to explain to Mr. Miller the process and need? Or have someone reach out to Mr. Miller.

Thanks

Molly

From: TERRY MILLER <saynewt@msn.com>

Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 10:16 AM

To: Molly Kapeluck <mkapeluck@cityofgreen.org>

Subject: RE: Concussion grenade training at Sheriffs Training Facility

Molly,

I checked my outside cameras to see if they picked up the sound of the explosion. As you can see in the attached clips, you can even see the cameras shake.

Terry

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10