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WOODSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICES (IED)

The Woodside Fire Protection District along with other local, state, and federal fire and law enforcement agency's would like to advise residents in San Mateo County of recent home made explosive devices that have been used and found in San Mateo County.

Several incidents have occurred since the later part of December 2007 and appear to be occurring more often.

Some of these devices may seem harmless and be contained in plastic soda bottles, or other common household containers. These devices have been found to contain various chemicals that can react and explode spraying harmful corrosive chemicals.

If a suspicious container is observed, individuals should stay away and dial 9-1-1. Do not attempt to move or touch the object. Individuals should also use extreme caution if they encounter any road side trash fire and should not try and extinguish it.

Law Enforcement and Fire Officials are working diligently in solving the case and are treating every such incident as a hazardous materials type; bringing specialized personnel and equipment to the scene to mitigate the hazard.

For more information on other important fire safety measures visit our website at www.woodsidefire.org.