

HOMELAND SECURITY

Alpine Man Finds Pipe Bomb, Drives it to Police Station

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If you ever find a bomb or explosive device...here's what you don't do.

A man in Utah County found a pipe bomb at the construction site of his new home in Alpine.

Officers say instead of leaving it there and calling police, he put it in his car and drove to the police station.

A bomb squad removed it from his car and destroyed it. Utah County offices were temporarily closed as a precaution.

Authorities say this is clearly an example of what you shouldn't do.

They are reminding everyone if you find an explosive don't touch it, don't move it, don't put it in your car, just call police.

NEXT HOMELAND SECURITY MEETING

September 30th

6 PM

Civil Air Patrol Complex

(Guest Speaker from The Rhea County Sheriff's Department)

FIREARMS TRAINING CLASS

September 14th 7 PM

Travis Shooting Range

EXTENDABLE BATON TRAINING

Saturday September 18th

10 AM

Rhea Elementary School

NEXT CIVIL AIR PATROL

FLY-IN BREAKFAST

September 25th

Homeland Security Attends First-Aid Training

The first group of Homeland Security Officers attended a first aid training class on Saturday September 11 at The Civil Air Patrol Complex.

With September 11th being the 3rd anniversary of the Attacks on The World Trade Center, it was only fitting that our Instructor and fellow Homeland Security Officer, Gary Roddy open the session with a moment of silent prayer in memory of those that perished that dreadful day and to honor those that rose to the challenge of rebuilding not only New York City but also to all of the men and women that are in the process of helping restore a nations



Above: Instructor Gary Roddy discusses some of the details that were given in a Red Cross first aid video

peace of mind.

Everyone taking this class will be certified in First-Aid for a period of 2 years. We would like to thank Gary for taking the time to help train our Officers.

The next group of Officers will take this training on Thursday September 23rd 6 PM until 9 PM at The Civil Air Patrol Complex.

If you would like to attend this session and have not signed up on the list, you need to contact your squad

Fertilizer dyed pink to combat meth

By Roxana Hegeman The Associated Press

WICHITA, Kan. — It may fall a shade shy of catching thieves red-handed, but for farmers fed up with methamphetamine cooks filching their fertilizer, staining them pink will do just fine.

Assuming you can discourage thieves you cannot easily catch, a new product called GloTell — which is added to tanks of anhydrous ammonia — will not only besmirch the hands of those who touch the fertilizer, but leaves its mark on anyone who snorts or shoots the end product.

GloTell already is proving to be a handy deterrent, but there were details to be worked out between its birth as a farmer's brainstorm and finished product.

The additive had to withstand the cold, corrosive nature of anhydrous ammonia. It had to be safe for the environment, safe for crops and even safe around children.

And in the two years it took to develop GloTell, researchers at the University of Southern Illinois Carbondale found it did much more than just stain thieves pink.

The visible stain, even if washed off, was still detectable by ultraviolet light 24 to 72 hours later. As an added benefit, the additive helped farmers detect any tank leaks, said Truitt Clements, spokesman for Illinois-based GloTell Distributors LLC.

Best of all, the treated anhydrous ammonia rendered any meth it was used to make extremely difficult to dry and turned it an unbleachable pink, he said.

"Most people that are drug users, they like a clean-looking drug if they are going to ... put it in their body," Clements said. "We know the end-product is not pretty at all."

Snort it, and it turns the nose fluorescent pink. Inject it, and the telltale pink shows up at the injection site, he said.

During product testing, GloTell was added to anhydrous ammonia tanks at farms that had been having problems with meth thefts in Illinois, Kentucky and Indiana, Clements said. Within a week, the thefts stopped.

On Tuesday, GloTell was unveiled at the Illinois State Fair. Next month, Virginia-based Royster-Clark Inc. will begin selling it at nearly 250 of its outlets around the nation under an exclusive distribution agreement with GloTell, said Lori Ann Peters, a spokeswoman for Royster-Clark.

"The meth problem is not a problem that affects only families of people addicted, it plagues entire communities," Peters said.



Study Says Attack on N.Y. Nuclear Facility Could Cause Half Million Deaths (September 9, 2004)

A senior staff scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists (UCS) has authored a study that claims a successful terrorist attack on the Indian Point nuclear plant in Westchester County, New York, could cause as many as 518,000 long-term deaths from cancer, as well as 44,000 near-term deaths from acute radiation poisoning.

What would you do in the event of a terrorist attack or other emergency? Does your family have a plan in case of a catastrophic event? Take this quiz developed by The America Prepared Campaign, a non-profit group organized to help Americans

prepare for a terrorist attack and other emergencies, to learn what you need to know in order to protect your home and your family.

1. Three of the following ARE crucial to terrorism preparedness, but one is NOT. Which one is not?

- A. Creating a family plan
- B. Stockpiling antibiotics
- C. Becoming knowledgeable about types of potential attacks and responses
- D. Making an emergency preparedness kit

2. Three of the following SHOULD be included in a family communications plan, but one SHOULD NOT. Which one should not?

- A. A list of important phone numbers, including doctors and emergency services
- B. An out of town contact that all family members can call
- C. A provision for each person in the family to be at a specific land line telephone at a specific time
- D. Knowledge of the emergency plan in place at your children's schools

3. True or False: If a disease could become an epidemic, then it is always contagious.

- True
- False

4. True or False: You are in the vicinity of an explosion. It is a good idea to cover your nose and mouth with a cotton t-shirt or dust mask as soon as possible.

- True
- False

5. Which of the following is an accurate description of a "dirty bomb"?

- A. A miniature nuclear device
- B. An explosive device that disseminates chemicals
- C. An explosive device that releases a biological agent
- D. An explosive device that spreads radioactive materials over a targeted area

6. Three of the following ARE true of a biological attack, but one is NOT. Which of the following is NOT true of a biological attack?

- A. A biological attack may not be immediately obvious
- B. A biological attack is the deliberate release of germs or other biological substances that can make you sick
- C. A biological agent can make you sick by being inhaled, by being eaten or through contact with the skin or mucous membranes
- D. All biological attacks create contagious diseases

7. If you are outside and see people suddenly getting violently ill, or choking or passing out – which are signs indicating a chemical attack – which of the following is the FIRST thing you should do?

- A. Leave the area as fast as possible
- B. Stop, look wherever you can to find a dust mask
- C. Cotton fabric to cover your mouth and nose, and then run away as fast as possible
- D. Run into the basement of the closest building and seal all the doors and windows
- E. Put a cotton fabric or dust mask over your nose and mouth and wait for emergency personnel to arrive so that you don't spread the contaminate

8. True or False: A "dirty bomb" is an explosive device that is always especially dangerous, because, even if it contains a small amount of radioactive material, it will kill everyone within a five mile area of the explosion, while making the buildings in that area so radioactive that the area will be uninhabitable for years to come.

- True
- False

9. THREE of the following ARE ways to find or create water that is safe for drinking. Which ONE is NOT?

- A. Boiling water for 3-5 minutes
- B. Adding 16 drops of bleach to each gallon of water
- C. Draining water from your radiator
- D. Draining water from the hot water heater, if the hot water heater has not been damaged

10. THREE of the following statements about sheltering during an emergency are true. Which ONE is NOT?

- A. You may be required to create your own shelter in your home or workplace
- B. Shelters are bound by law to accept household pets as long as those pets are not a disturbance
- C. When evacuating to a community shelter, you should bring your disaster supply kit
- D. You may be instructed to shelter-in-place during a chemical attack even if you are in the area of the chemical release

11. In the event of a hurricane or an explosion you may become trapped under debris. If this happens, THREE of the following ARE good ways to alert rescuers of your presence and ONE should only be used as a last resort. Which ONE of the following should be used only as a LAST RESORT?

- A. Tap on a pipe or wall
- B. Blow a whistle
- C. Shout
- D. Use a flashlight

12. You should shelter as high up in a building as possible for some emergencies and as low as possible, such as in a basement or a cellar, for others. Should you shelter HIGH or LOW during a BIOLOGICAL incident?

- A. HIGH
- B. LOW

13. You should shelter as high up in a building as possible for some emergencies and as low as possible, such as in a basement or a cellar, for others. Should you shelter HIGH or LOW during a CHEMICAL incident?

- A. HIGH
- B. LOW

14. You should shelter as high up in a building as possible for some emergencies and as low as possible, such as in a basement or a cellar, for others. Should you shelter HIGH or LOW during a RADIOLOGICAL incident?

- A. HIGH
- B. LOW

15. Name the official government website that offers the most comprehensive information about how citizens can best be prepared for a terrorist attack.

www.ready.gov
www.homelandsecurity.com

16. Have you prepared a family communications plan that includes a meeting place away from your home, work and school, a family contact person outside of your area, a list of phone numbers for each family member?

- Yes
- No

17. Do you have a readily accessible emergency kit that includes all of the following in one place: supplies of food and water, a first aid kit, battery powered radio, a flashlight and extra batteries and any items such as prescription medications that are essential to your family?

- Yes
- No

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www.americaprepared.org. You can also learn more about individual emergency preparedness by visiting the U.S. Department of

Homeland Security Web site: www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/

Homeland Security Team Members Complete the First Firearms Training Course

The first firearms training course is coming to a close. After three and a half months 7 members of our Homeland Security Team will graduate from the course.

It's hard to believe that the time has gone so quickly at The Travis Shooting Range, but it has been a ball and I think everyone that participated will have to admit that they have learned a great deal from Claude (Rabbit) Travis, the Range owner and Instructor.

They would also have to admit that they are more accurate and more comfortable with the different type of firearms that we trained with.



(Above: Joseph McSpadden, by request, does his Arnold Schwarzenegger impression, proving we do have a sense of humor)

As you read this we will be doing our final classroom work and taking test and a new class will begin.

The New Class is to start on Tuesday September 14th at 7 PM. If you would like to sign up for this class, you'd better hurry. Contact Bill Newman or David McSpadden and let them know you would like to attend.

The cost of the course is \$130 and I promise, it will be the best money you've spent for training like this.