



## LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

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### PRESS RELEASE

On Wednesday, 8/16/06, at approximately 10:00 AM, the Lower Providence Township Police Department received a report that approximately 40 sticks of dynamite were believed to have been buried in the back yard of a single-family residence located at 7 Buckwalter Road in the Audubon section of Lower Providence Township. The dynamite was reported to have been buried there for approximately 14 years. The Police Department responded and set up a perimeter, with six residences in the immediate vicinity being evacuated. The Lower Providence Township Emergency Management and Planning Department also responded and initiated an Incident Command System.

Also responding was the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department Bomb Disposal Unit whose members began a search of the back yard for the dynamite. The search continued until 4:45 PM when a decision was made to shut down the operation. Police and Sheriff's Department personnel will remain at the scene throughout the night for security purposes. The search will continue at approximately 6:30 AM on Thursday. No dynamite has been found as of yet. Those residents who had been evacuated were permitted back in their homes. Arrangements were made with a local hotel to provide housing for those residents who did not wish to return.

Other agencies assisting at the scene were the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Lower Providence Volunteer Fire Company, the Lower Providence Emergency Medical Services, Fire Police from Lower Providence, Jefferson, Norristown & Plymouth Fire Companies, and the North Penn Canteen Service.

Representatives of the following organizations were also present and assisted at the scene: Lower Providence Township Public Works Department, the Lower Providence Township Sewer Authority, the Department of Environmental Protection, PECO, Verizon, and Comcast.

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