



News Release



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PROMOTING SAFETY AND SECURITY WITH EXPLOSIVES IN UTAH

ATF AND THE UTAH BOMB SQUAD TASK FORCE PROMOTE SAFETY AND SECURITY WITH EXPLOSIVES

Salt Lake City, UT – Recent incidents involving unsecured explosives have prompted the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) to promote safety and security with explosives.

There have been several incidents in which citizens arrive unannounced at police departments to turn in explosives. A farmer accidentally killed himself trying to dispose of old dynamite, and a wild fire nearly ignited an abandoned high explosives magazine containing 10,000 lbs. of explosives. The ATF has investigated multiple explosives thefts wherein explosives were not securely stored, resulting in explosives falling into the hands of felons and illegal drug users.

According to the United States Geological Survey, 71,000 metric tons of explosives were sold for consumption in Utah in 2013. Because of the potential misuse of these explosive materials to the detriment of public safety, the ATF and the Utah Bomb Squad Task Force (UBSTF) are seeking assistance from the public. The ATF and the UBSTF are asking members of the public to contact them at **888-ATF-BOMB** to surrender unwanted explosives.

For persons who wish to surrender unwanted explosives:

- **Contact 888-ATF-BOMB**
- **DO NOT handle, cover, move or transport unwanted explosives**
- **The UBSTF will travel statewide to safely dispose of explosives, FREE OF CHARGE**

ACCEPTED:

- Commercial explosives
- Homemade explosives
- Military ordnance
- Display fireworks
- Consumer fireworks

NOT ACCEPTED:

- Ammunition
- Hazardous materials not classified as explosive

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