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CDC ADVISORY – HOW TO HANDLE ANTHRAX THREATS

Many facilities in communities around the country have received anthrax threat letters. Most were empty envelopes; some have contained powdery substances. The purpose of these guidelines is to recommend procedures for handling such incidents.

DO NOT PANIC

-Anthrax organisms can cause infection in the skin, gastrointestinal system, or the lungs. To do, so the organism must be rubbed into abraded skin, swallowed, or inhaled as a fine, aerosolized mist. Disease can be prevented after exposure to the anthrax spores by early treatment with the appropriate antibiotics. Anthrax is not spread from one person to another person.

-For anthrax to be effective as a covert agent, it must be aerosolized into very small particles. This is difficult to do, and requires a great deal of technical skill and special equipment. If these small particles are inhaled, life-threatening lung infection can occur, but prompt recognition and treatment are effective.

SUSPICIOUS UNOPENED LETTER OR PACKAGE MARKED WITH THREATENING MESSAGE SUCH AS "ANTHRAX"

-DO NOT SHAKE OR EMPTY the contents of any suspicious envelope or package.
 -PLACE the envelope or package in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage of contents.

-If you do not have any container, then COVER the envelope or package with anything (e.g., clothing, paper, trash can, etc.) and do not remove this cover.

-LEAVE the room and CLOSE the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering (i.e., keep others away).

-WASH your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder to your face.
 -If you are at HOME, then report the incident to local police who will in turn notify the local health authorities. If you are at WORK, then report the incident to local police, and notify your building security official or an available supervisor.

-LIST all people who were in the room or area when this suspicious letter or package was recognized. Give this list to both the local public health authorities and law enforcement offi-

cial for follow-up investigations and advice.
ENVELOPE WITH POWDER AND POWDER SPILLS OUT ONTO SURFACE

-DO NOT try to CLEAN UP the powder.
 -COVER the spilled contents immediately with anything (e.g., clothing, paper, trash can, etc.) and do not remove this cover!

-LEAVE the room and CLOSE the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering (i.e., keep others away).

-WASH your hands with soap and water to prevent spreading any powder to your face.

-If you are at HOME, then report the incident to local police. If you are at WORK, then report the incident to local police, and notify your building security official or an available supervisor.

-REMOVE heavily contaminated clothing as soon as possible and place in a plastic bag, or some other container that can be sealed. This clothing bag should be given to the emergency responders for proper handling.

-SHOWER with soap and water as soon as possible. *Do Not Use Bleach Or Other Disinfectant On Your Skin.*

-If possible, list all people who were in the room or area, especially those who had actual contact with the powder. Give this list to both the local public health authorities so that proper instructions can be given for medical follow-up, and to law enforcement officials for further investigation.

QUESTION OF ROOM CONTAMINATION BY AEROSOLIZATION

For example: small device triggered, warning that air handling system is contaminated, or warning that a biological agent released in a public space.

-TURN OFF local fans or ventilation units in the area.

-LEAVE area immediately.

-CLOSE the door, or section off the area to prevent others from entering .

-If you are at HOME, then report the incident to local police who will notify the local FBI field office. If you are at WORK, report the incident to local police who will notify the local FBI field office, and notify your building security official or an available supervisor.

MISSION The mission of the St. Bernard Police Department is to safeguard the lives and property of the people we serve, to reduce the incidence and fear of crime, to resolve problems among citizens, and to enhance public safety and quality of life through the delivery of fair and impartial police services. We can accomplish this mission best with your help. Call us – if you need us!!!

BE INFORMED – KEEP US INFORMED – BE SAFE

During these first ten months we have answered 8578 calls to service. The following is a breakdown of offenses committed for the last ten months: Arrest Open Capias/Warrant 178; Assaults 22; Attempt Theft 8; Bomb threat 2; Breaking & Entering 11; Burglary 8; Carrying Concealed Weapon 3; Child Abuse Investigation 1; Child Endangering 1; Counterfeit Money 5; Criminal Damaging 61; Criminal Mis-chief 6; Criminal Trespass 5; Curfew Violation (Day) 2; Curfew Violation (Night) 7; Death Investigation (DOA) 4; Disorderly Conduct 17; Domestic Dispute 13; Domestic Violence 14; Drive by shooting 1; Drive Off (Non-payment) 1; Drug Investigations 11; Drug Paraphernalia 4; Drugs Possession 12; Forgery 6; Fraud 7; Juvenile Status Offenses 30; Littering 1; Menacing 8; Mental Holds 9; Missing Adult 1; Missing Juvenile 11; Obstructing Official Business 6; Open Container 2; Public Gaming 1; Public Indecency 1; Receiving Stolen Property 3; Robbery 10, Sex Offense 2; Stalking 2; Street Sales 1; Telephone Harassment 19; Theft 159; Theft Bike 11; Theft Vehicle 29; Underage Consumption 5; Vandalism 4; Weapons Under Disability 1. As you can see, we are not immune to crime, but if we work together we can stop some of these criminals. It starts by reporting the crime. Recently, we have seen an increase in criminal damaging, thefts, criminal damaging, robbery, B&E. It is that time of year (holidays) when we historically see an increase in these types of crimes.

Crime prevention tips – Check your locks – Did you know that in almost half of all completed residential burglaries, thieves simply breezed in through unlocked doors or crawled through unlocked windows? Make sure every external door has a sturdy, well-installed dead bolt lock. Key-in-



Together we can stop criminals and solve community problems!

the-knob locks alone are not enough. Sliding glass doors can offer easy access if they are not properly secured. You can secure them by installing commercially available locks or putting a broomstick or dowel in the inside track to jam the door. To prevent the door being lifted off the track, drill a hole through the slide door frame and the fixed frame. Then insert a pin in the hole. Lock double-hung windows with key locks or "pin" your windows by drilling a small hole into a 45 degree angle between the inner and outer frames, then

insert a nail that can be removed. Secure basement windows with grilles or grates. Instead of hiding keys around the outside of your home, give an extra key to a neighbor you trust. When you move into a new house or apartment, re-key the locks. **Check the doors** A lock on a flimsy door is about as effective as locking your car door but leaving the window down. All outside doors should be metal or solid wood. If your doors don't fit tightly in their frames, install weather stripping around them and install a wide angle viewer. **Check the outside** Look at your house from the outside. Make sure you know the following tips. Thieves hate bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night. Keep your yard clean. Prune back shrubbery so it doesn't hide doors or windows. Cut back tree limbs that a thief could use to climb to an upper-level window. If you travel, create the illusion that you're at home by getting some timers that will turn lights on and off in different areas of your house throughout the evening. Lights burning 24 hours a day signal an empty house. Leave shades, blinds, and curtains in normal positions. And don't let your mail pile up! Call the post office to stop delivery or have a neighbor pick it up. **Consider an Alarm** Alarms can be a good investment, especially if you have many valuables in your home, or live in an isolated area or one with a history of break-ins.

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CAER CONTACT INFORMATION

Community Awareness & Emergency Response (CAER) Information Line for St. Bernard and Winton Communities This emergency line, contains recorded messages about emergency activities going on in the St. Bernard area. If you have any questions when an event is going on, i.e. chemical spill etc. Please call 981-0220.

QUESTIONS If you have a law enforcement question or topic that you would like us to feature in an upcoming newsletter, mail your request to the PD attention Newsletter Publisher or email us at mail@stbernardpolice.org. We value your input.

HOME ALONE – A PARENTS GUIDE Your child comes home from school at 3:00, but you don't get home from work until 5:00. He's or she's at home alone for those two hours every weekday. What does he or she do until you arrive? Most likely, he gets a snack or talks on the phone. Maybe he/she watches television, but since you're not there, you worry. Just like the majority of American parents who work and have to leave their children on their own after school everyday, you are anxious about your child's safety. But by following the safeguards listed below, you can help ease some of this worry and take measures that will protect your kids even when you're not around. **Are They Ready?** Can your children... Be trusted to go straight home after school? Easily use the telephone, locks, and kitchen appliances? Follow rules and instructions well? Handle unexpected situations without panicking? Stay alone without being afraid? If not, they should not be left alone.

What You Can Do? Make sure your children are old enough and mature enough to care for themselves. Teach them basic safety rules. Know the three "W's": Where your kids are, What they're doing, and Who they're with. **Curiosity...** Are there things you don't want your children to get into? Take the time to talk to them about the deadly consequences of guns, medicines, power tools, drugs, alcohol, cleaning products and inhalants. (Cont. pg. 3)

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-SHUT down air handling system in the building, if possible.
-If possible, list all people who were in the room or area. Give this list to both the local public health authorities so that proper instructions can be given for medical follow-up, and to law enforcement officials for further investigation.

HOW TO IDENTIFY SUSPICIOUS PACKAGES AND LETTERS Some characteristics of suspicious packages and letters include the following...

- Excessive postage
- Handwritten or poorly typed addresses
- Incorrect titles
- Title, but no name
- Misspellings of common words
- Oily stains, discoloration's or odor

Meet Your Officers

Officer Bill Ungruhe started with our Department in 1996. Prior to police work Bill served 4 years in the United States Army as a Captain in Personnel and Computer Operations. He is a graduate of "Roger Bacon" High School and Xavier University. Bill serves as our Computer Officer, Accreditation Officer, web master, newsletter editor and enjoys being part of our bicycle patrol. Bill has been off the road the last 12 months developing our procedure manual, accreditation program, web site and internal computer network. He is looking forward to getting back out on the road in January and will be seen again at his traffic posts around town. Bill has lived in St. Bernard all of



Officer Bill Ungruhe

- No return address
- Excessive weight
- Lopsided or uneven envelope
- Protruding wires or aluminum foil
- Excessive security material such as masking tape, string, etc.
- Visual distractions
- Ticking sound
- Marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "Personal" or "Confidential"
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that does not match the return address

If you have any questions regarding these procedures please contact the PD and an officer will assist you to make sure that you and your family are safe. As of Nov 1st we have made five runs to investigate suspicious mail and all have been false alarms.

his life and has been happily married 20 years to his wife, Elaine (Freese) who was with Winton Savings and Loan for 19 years until the birth of their daughter. They have two beautiful children: Ben (8) and Christina (2). Bill enjoys backpacking, camping and cubscouts. He and his wife are very active members of Annunciation Church and School where Elaine runs the library and Bill is on the PTA board and volunteers in the computer lab as well as singing in the choir. When asked what he wanted to share with our citizens, he stated, "God has blessed me with a great family, great department and wonderful community. I enjoy working in my hometown with neighbors I grew up with." His message to our youth and others, "Happiness is an inside job, believe in yourself and keep the faith."



Officer Shane Moore

Officer Shane "Bull" Moore started with our Department in 1998. Shane has 7 years of law enforcement experience, previously working with the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department (HCSO). He also served in the U.S. Army and is a proud graduate of "Elder" High School. Shane grew up on the west side of town, and is a longtime resident of Delhi Township. His parents, Jim and Barb, live on the west side of town, and his sister, Erin, is a resident of Fripp Island in South Carolina, where Shane enjoys many of his vacations. Shane serves as one of our firearms range officers and recently assisted with our departmental weapons upgrade. Additionally, Shane is a "big" member of our

bike patrol. Shane carries the nickname of "Bull" which he received while at the HCSO since he resembled "Bull" Shannon from the TV comedy series "Night Court". When Shane is not on duties with the department he enjoys weightlifting, salt water fishing, softball and gun collecting. When asked what he wanted to share with our citizens, he stated "I've been blessed to work for such a professional department and couldn't ask for a better group of officers to serve with. I'd also like to acknowledge our dispatchers, who are the voice on the other side of the radio. Our dispatchers make my job and myself a much more effective and efficient officer when I am out serving the City." His message for our youth, "Determination and perseverance are the keys to making dreams become a reality."

SHELTER IN PLACE PROCEDURES

Effective August 15, 2001 the Hamilton County Emergency Management Agency has entered into an agreement with the National Weather Service Office in Wilmington and the Ohio Emergency Management Agency to allow Hamilton County to access the National Weather Service's NOAA weather radio system to disseminate a specific hazardous materials emergency warning and recommended protective action. Briefly, shelter in place means to go indoors and take appropriate steps to prevent outside air from entering the specific indoor area where persons are being sheltered from potential exposure to outside airborne chemicals. Use of the NOAA weather alert radio system will automatically involve the use of the regional Emergency Alert System (EAS) that provides more detailed warning and emergency information to all local broadcast media for dissemination to the public.

SHELTER IN PLACE PROCEDURES

- Stay calm.
- Take your family and pets inside your home and remain there.
- Turn on your television and radio and listen for the Emergency Alert System (EAS) information, instructions and updates.
- Close and lock all windows and doors in your homes.
- Turn off all air conditioners, fans, vents and heating systems, etc. that draw in outside air.
- Close the fireplace damper.
- Use the telephone only for emergency calls.

- Go to the highest room above ground with the fewest windows/doors.
- Take your Home Emergency Supplies Kit with you to this room.
- Place damp towels in the cracks under the doors. Tape around doors, windows, and exhaust fans or vents. Use plastic to cover the windows, outlets and heat registers.
- If necessary, children at affected schools will be sheltered there. Parents should not go to the schools unless advised to do so.
- Stay in this room and listen to your radio or television until local authorities tell you that all is safe or you are told to evacuate.
- When the authorities announce the emergencies end, go outside and ventilate your home.

HOME EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT

All members of the family should know where the Home Emergency Supplies Kit is stored and it should be within easy reach. The kit should include:

- First aid kit.
- NOAA weather radio.
- Battery operated radio.
- Flashlight and extra batteries.
- Bath size towels.
- Wide tape.
- Plastic sheeting such as paint drip clothes.
- Canned and ready to eat food and bottle water.

In light of current affairs, please take the time to review this important material with your family members so that we can keep our families safe.

OFFICERS VOLUNTEER IN NEW YORK



PO Dan Luken PO Bryant Kleinfeldt

Most of you may not be aware, but two of our officers accompanied a group of law enforcement officers from the Hamilton County area to New York to offer assistance. Officers Dan Luken and Bryant Kleinfeldt left home Friday September 14th and arrived in New York around 9 AM on Saturday. Their group was immediately asked to assist with traffic control

around the area where emergency supplies were arriving. Their group then proceeded to the 18th Precinct where they met with staff officers. The group was paired with officers from Gloucester Mass., and Connecticut State Patrol along with other officers from agencies along the east coast. They were assigned to provide high visibility patrol in the Times Square area. After completing assignments in the Time Square area, our officers traveled to NYPD and NYFD and met with firefighters, officers, victims and survivors. They spent time listening and consoling those that have been affected by this horrific event. We would like to commend both our officers for taking the time to volunteer in the rescue and recovery effort. Job well done!!!!

(Continued from page 2) Make sure you keep these items in a secure place out of sight and locked up, if possible. **Teach Your "Home Alone" Children To:** check in with you or a neighbor immediately after arriving home. How to call the Police Station (242-2727) or (911), or to call the operator. How to give directions to your home, in case of emergency. We have stickers available that you can place directly on all your phones for your children to utilize. To never accept gifts or rides from people they don't know well. How to use the door and window locks, and the alarm system if you have one. To never let anyone into your home without asking your permission. To never let a caller at the door or on the phone know that they're alone. Teach them to say "Mom can't come to the phone (or door) right now." To carry a house key with them in a safe place (inside a shirt pocket or sock). Don't leave it under a mat or on a ledge outside the house. How to escape in case of fire. Not to go into an empty house or apartment if things don't look right - a broken window, ripped screen, or opened door. To let you know about anything that frightens them or makes them feel uncomfortable. Let's keep our children safe!!!!