

# Memo

**To:** Dan Bolger  
**From:** Scott Baker  
**CC:**  
**Date:** 6/6/01  
**Re:** Possible WMD Critique @ Violet Fire on 05/25/01

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The possible WMD incident occurred on May 16, 2001. The run was dispatch by Violet Fire at 1446 hours. The first unit arrived on the scene at 1453 hours. The dispatch location was at 9768 Camelot Street Pickerington, Ohio 43147. It had been raining most of the day and was still doing so at the time of the run. The report shows that the neighbor had found the devise described as an architectural cardboard tube at his gutter and gave it to the addressee. The addressee proceeded to open the package and noticed a popping sound. The addressee then threw the devise into his back yard and called the fire department. Violet Fire arrived sized up the situation and moved personnel back and evacuated a few homes surrounding the area. Lt. Rick Leaver was the FD incident commander with Lt. Jim Paxton as Ops. Chief. Violet immediately requested help from Fairfield County SO for evacuation and traffic control needs. SO requested both Lts. to look at the devise to determine the next move. They discovered a champagne looking bottle wrapped in foil with 4 wires protruding from it. It was then wrapped in yellow cellophane. The Lts. then moved the evacuation perimeter even further back involving more homes and an elementary that was just ready to let out or in the process of letting out. The call was made to Columbus Fire Bomb Squad for further assistance and support. Once the bomb squad arrived they sized up the situation and made a first x-ray of the devise. The x-ray revealed a liquid of some sort with a projectile inside the bottle. There was a call to evacuate further homes. The call to Columbus Haz Mat was made because of the odor and uncertainty of the liquid. When haz mat team arrived they entered in level-A suits to size up the devise and determined to allow the bomb squad to handle. They remained on the scene to assist with decon if that was necessary, the foil was removed by the bomb squad and a brown bottle was found and was placed in an over pack for transport. Before the devise was transported, it was x-rayed one more time as a precaution. The devise was transported to Batelle for further analysis and information about it. Batelle discovered 2 bullet shells that were drilled out and filled with salt and sand. The liquid was found to be a harmless substance. During the course of the incident the addressee was discovered to be the

plant manager of the Georgia Pacific plant and that a fired employee, a former chemist or chemical specialist lived very nearby. It was also discovered that the date of the incident was the anniversary date of the Georgia Pacific explosion that killed a worker. The date was either the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary date. The incident was contained at 2122 hours and a signal O was placed on it at 2203 hours. The agencies that were involved were Violet Fire, Fairfield County SO, CFD Bomb Squad & Haz Mat teams, Columbus Police, Ohio EPA, Fairfield County EMA, FBI, BCI and Batelle Institute. Columbus Police were notified because of the liaison person with background in possible terrorist threats. The authorities believed the devise was a threat on the plant manager's life. Ohio EPA was notified by Violet Fire but was not on the scene. Fairfield County EMA was notified as a courtesy but did not show up on the scene. FBI arrived at the request of Capt. Steve Saltsman of CFD Bomb Squad due to the nature of a terrorist devise. BCI was notified through FBI and I do not know if they were on the scene or not. A representative from Batelle was on the scene and handled the transport and examination for the incident. A copy of Violet Fire's NFIRs report is included with this memo.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Baker', written in a cursive style.

Scott E Baker

Hazardous Materials Coordinator



# OHIO FIRE INCIDENT REPORTING SYSTEM

# INCIDENT REPORT

NFIRS-1

1  DELETE  
2  CHANGE

Fire Department

FDID 2 3 1 2 3		INCIDENT NO		EXP	MO	DAY	YEAR	DAY OF WEEK	1 Sun 2 Mon 3 Tues	4 Wed 5 Thur 6 Fri	7 Sat	ALARM TIME 4 1446	ARRIVAL TIME 1453	TIME IN SERVICE 2201		
<b>SITUATION FOUND</b>		33-Locked-in trapped 34-Search 35-Vehicle accident 41-Gas leak/spill-no fire 42-Explosive, Bomb removal 43-Excessive Heat 44-Power line down 45-Arcing electrical equipment			46-Aircraft standby 47-Chemical spill 51-Lock-out 52-Water removal 53-Smoke odor removal 54-Animal Rescue 55-Assist Police 56-Unauthorized burning			57-Move-up 59-CO Check 60-Good intent 61-Smoke scare 63-Controlled burn 65-Steam, gas mistaken for smoke 69-Unclassified			71-Malicious false 72-Bomb scare 73-Alarm Malfunction 74-Unintentional false 98-Mutual aid cancel					
<b>ACTION TAKEN</b>		4-Remove Hazard 5-Stand by 6-Salvage 7-Ambulance			8-Fill in, Move up 9-Not classified 0-Undetermined			<b>MUTUAL AID</b> Fire equipment only eels,			1-Rec'd 2-Given N/A					
<b>FIXED PROPERTY USE</b> (Occupancy) Pg 23-43		Single Family			411			<b>IGNITION FACTOR</b> Pg 44-45			N/A					
<b>CORRECT ADDRESS</b> (Up to maximum of 21 characters)										<b>ZIP CODE</b>		<b>CENSUS TRACT</b>				
9768 Camelot St.										43147						
<b>OCCUPANT NAME</b> (Last, First, MI)										<b>TELEPHONE</b>		<b>ROOM or APT.</b>				
LEE Andrew Norman										864-8025						
<b>OWNER NAME</b> (Last, First, MI)					<b>ADDRESS</b>					<b>TELEPHONE</b>						
Lee Andrew Norman					9768 Camelot St.					864-8025						
<b>METHOD OF ALARM</b>		4-Radio 5-Verbal 6-No alarm recd 7-Tie-line (911)			8-Voice signal municipal alarm signal 9-Not classified above 0-Undetermined or not reported			<b>CO. INSPECTION DISTRICT</b>		<b>SHIFT</b>		<b>NO. ALARMS</b>				
1-Telephone direct 2-Municipal alarm system 3-Private alarm system								STA 591 STA 592		592		3 1=Duty Crew 4=All Call				
<b>NO. FIRE SERVICE PERSONNEL RESPONDED</b>		<b>NO. ENGINES RESPONDED</b>			<b>NO. AERIAL APPARATUS RESPONDED</b>			<b>NO. OTHER VEHICLES RESPONDED</b>								
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<b>NUMBER OF INJURIES</b>					<b>NUMBER OF FATALITIES</b>											
FIRE SERVICE 000 OTHER 000					FIRE SERVICE 000 OTHER 000											
<b>COMPLEX</b> Pg 61-62					<b>MOBILE PROPERTY TYPE</b> Pg. 63-65 (Complete Line S)					NA = 08						
<b>AREA OF FIRE ORIGIN</b> Pg 67-68					<b>EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION</b> Pg 71-72 (Complete Line T) 98											
<b>FORM OF HEAT IGNITION</b> Pg 74-76					<b>TYPE OF MATERIAL IGNITED</b> Pg 78-79					<b>FORM OF MATERIAL IGNITED</b> Pg 80-81						
<b>METHOD OF EXTINGUISHMENT</b>		5-Pre-connect hose/tank only 6-Pre-connect hose/hydrant draft standpipe 7-Hand-laid hose/hydrant draft standpipe 8-Master stream device 9-Not classified above 0-Undetermined or not reported			<b>LEVEL OF FIRE ORIGIN</b>			<b>ESTIMATED TOTAL DOLLAR LOSS</b>								
1-Self extinguished 2-make shift aids 3-Portable extinguisher 4-Automatic ext system					1-Grade level to 9 ft 2-10 to 19 feet 3-20 to 29 feet 4-30 to 49 feet 5-50 to 70 feet			6-Over 70 feet 7-Objects in flight 8-Below ground level 9-Not classified above 0-Undetermined								
<b>NUMBER OF STORIES</b>					<b>CONSTRUCTION TYPE</b>											
1-1 story 2-2 story 3-3 to 4 stories 4-5 to 6 stories 5-7 to 12 stories					6-13 to 24 stories 7-25 to 49 stories 8-50 stories or more 0-Number of stories undetermined or not reported					1-Fire resistive 2-Heavy timber 3-Protected noncombustible 4-Unprotected noncombustible 5-Protected ordinary		6-Unprotected ordinary 7-Protected wood frame 8-Unprotected wood frame 9-Not classified above 0-Undetermined or not reported				
<b>EXTENT OF DAMAGE</b>		Flame		Smoke		<b>FLAME</b>		<b>DETECTOR PERFORMANCE</b>		<b>SPRINKLER PERFORMANCE</b>						
Confined to the object of origin Confined of part of room or area of origin Confined to room of origin Confined to the fire-rated comp of origin Confined to floor of origin Confined to structure of origin Extended beyond structure of origin No damage of this type (N/A) Undetermined or not reported		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0		1 2 3 4 5 6 7 0		<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>		1-Det in room or space of fire origin - oper 2-Det no in rm or space of fire origin - no oper 3-Det in rm or space of origin - no oper 4-Det no in rm or space of origin - not oper 5-Det in rm or space of fire origin but fire too small to oper 9-Not classified above 0-Undetermined or not reported 8-No detectors present (N/A)		1-Equipment operated 2-Equipment should have operated - did not 3-Equipment pre but fire too small to oper 9-Not classified above 0-Undetermined or not reported 8-No equipment present (N/A)						
<b>TYPE OFF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE</b> Pg 103-104					<b>AVENUE OF SMOKE TRAVEL</b>											
IF SMOKE SPREAD BEYOND ROOM OF ORIGIN NA=98					1-Air handling duct 2-Corridor 3-Elevator shaft					4-Stairwell 5-Opening on construction 6-Utility opening in wall		7-Utility opening in floor 8-No avenue of smoke travel (N/A) 0-Undetermined or not reported 9-Not classified above				
<b>FORM OF MATERIAL GENERATING MOST SMOKE</b> Pg 108-109																
<b>IF MOBILE PROPERTY</b>		YEAR		MAKE		MODEL		SERIAL NO		LICENSE NO		NA=98				
<b>IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED IN IGNITION</b>		YEAR		MAKE		MODEL		SERIAL NO		LICENSE NO						
<b>MEMBER MAKING REPORT</b>					<b>DATE</b>					<b>OFFICER IN CHARGE (if different)</b>		<b>DATE</b>				
LT. Rick Heaver					5-16-01											

GRASS TRASH FIRES,  
SHORT FORMCOMPLETE FOR  
ALL INCIDENTSCOMPLETE IF  
CASUALTYCOMPLETE FOR  
ALL FIRESCOMPLETE IF  
STRUCTURE FIRE