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IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE REMOVED FROM BEACH IN OCEAN CITY

On July 28, 2009, at approximately 1:50 P.M., members Ocean City Police, Fire and Bomb Squad responded to 40th Street and the beach, in reference to a report of a pipe bomb.

The suspicious device was located by a citizen and reported to the Ocean City Beach Patrol who immediately notified police. The area was evacuated for about hour while Ocean City Bomb Squad technicians, using robotic equipment, removed the suspicious item from the beach.

The Bomb Squad took the item to a location outside of Ocean City. The suspicious item was examined by OC bomb technicians and determined to be an improvised explosive device. The IED was then rendered safe. The Ocean City Fire Marshal's office is investigating the incident.

Ocean City Police acknowledge the observant citizens actions. The OCPD reminds citizens to notify police anytime they discover any suspicious device or object. Under no circumstances should the device be handled or manipulated. These objects are unpredictable. Homemade or military type devices are extremely unstable when exposed to the sand and salt water and may explode without warning.

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Quite often, citizens' hunches turn out to be valuable information to us. If you have information that you feel we should know, we encourage you to leave us e-mail. OCPD@ococean.com