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Total Containment Vessel



WHAT: Media opportunity for videos, photos and interviews about new equipment securing the

County of San Diego.

WHEN: Thursday, March 29th at 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Sheriff's Department Headquarters Parking Lot

9621 Ridgehaven Court, San Diego

WHO: Sheriff Bill Gore

Sergeant Greg Hampton – Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Captain Jeff Ring – San Diego Fire Bomb Squad

WHY: The Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit has new equipment in countering and containing chemical,

biological and explosive threats. It's called a Total Containment Vessel (TCV). It is essentially a steel chamber that can absorb the shockwave of a blast. The TCV can also hold any potentially

dangerous gases released by an explosion for analysis. A \$350,000 federal grant paid

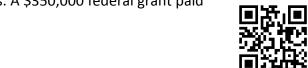












for the regional asset. It will be shared by Sheriff's Bomb/Arson and San Diego Fire Bomb Squad to answer calls anywhere in the county.

If a similar incident like in Austin, Texas happens in San Diego, the TCV could be used to render suspicious packages safe and to collect evidence.



The Sheriff's Bomb/Arson Unit is made up of seven detectives and one sergeant. They attend the FBI's Hazardous Devices School in Alabama to learn about explosives and suspicious devices and how to render them safe. They complete 16 hours of training every month to comply with federal standards on new trends and advanced techniques. In 2017, they responded to 115 suspicious device calls and 125 suspicious fire calls.

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