

State Police Bomb Squad called in for explosives found in tackle box

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A fishing tackle box containing several M-80 explosives was found in Fairhaven Thursday afternoon by a family member who was cleaning out the garage belonging to his recently deceased father-in-law. The M-80's were wrapped in lead, and are believed to have been used for fishing purposes. An M-80 is a small, class C explosive the approximate size of a quarter stick of dynamite.

The Massachusetts State Police Bomb Squad was called in to safely destroy the items in a controlled environment. The tackle box was transported to a parcel of town-owned land in a remote location and detonated on-site. As a matter of protocol, as well as for safety purposes, the Fairhaven Fire Department was called in to have fire fighting apparatus standing by, along with an ambulance and a police cruiser.

There was no risk to the public during this operation and all precautions taken were for purposes of safety. Anytime items such as these are found, regardless of how small they may appear, people are strongly encouraged to notify their local public safety agencies so that they can be destroyed safely and properly by trained professional experts.