



COOS BAY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Fire at 186 W. Commercial Ave.

On 09/03/13 at approximately 1645 hours, Coos Bay 911 dispatch received a 911 call from a citizen reporting smoke coming from the Prayer Chapel, located at 186 W. Commercial Ave. Coos Bay Fire was immediately dispatched. Coos Bay Police Department also responded to assist in traffic control. Upon arrival, Coos Bay Fire personnel entered the building and located what appeared to be an improvised explosive device. Coos Bay Fire personnel were able to extinguish the fire and upon doing so the scene was turned over to Coos Bay Police Department for further investigation.

Coos Bay Police Department made contact with Oregon State Police Bomb Squad, who subsequently contacted the FBI. Both agencies arrived on scene and were able to render the device safe. At this time no further information is available and the case is still under investigation.

The Coos Bay Police Department is encouraging anyone with information about this incident or who may have seen anything suspicious around the Prayer Chapel, to please call the Coos Bay Police Department at 541-269-8911 or Coos Stop Crime at 541-267-6666.