

## Mercury Event, 1902 Tennyson Ln

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### Event description:

- Male youths stopped by MPD during the evening of 9/26/11 found to have container of mercury shown in picture to the right. Youths were driving vehicle registered to Ybarra Jorry /James Chito, 205 E 3rd St Waunakee. The vehicle was a 1986 Blue Honda Accord 4dr.
- MPD called MFD HIT. HIT overpacked mercury container in a paint can and returned it to the reported source property 1902 Tennyson Ln. Over packed container left at the building out of the weather (take drive to loading dock, take metal stairway at the side of the loading dock to the dock surface, walk to the right from the stairway and the can should be in plain site with hazmat tape sealing it shut.
- The youths are reported to say they hang out and explore this building and that there is additional mercury laying about.
- MFD HIT did not investigate further when on site due to low light conditions and lack of staff.



### Public health concerns:

- Potential Human health hazard at 1902 Tennyson due to spilled and unsecured hazardous chemicals, specifically mercury and possible other chemicals.
  - Contacted Tom Keller (255-6787 office, 692-6543 cell) 9/27/11 around 8:30 am
  - Contact with MPD (Lt. Carl Straussberg) and MFD (Tom Olson and Lt. Doug Rohn 220-9827) to gather information.
  - Called Marci Paulsen to inquire about accessing the property
  - Called George Hank about securing the building. Learned that building secured in 2010 by BI.
  - Contact with DHS (call to Bruce Rhineck, call from Henry N-L). Lumex is available for use as needed.
- Potential exposure to youth identified in MFD report. Possibility that other youth visiting the site were also exposed.
  - Received information on youth involved from MFD report
  - Called Jeff Lafferty to start work contacting parents of youth
- Potential human health hazards created by tracking of mercury from the source to vehicles, homes, and other structures by the youth.

### Tentative plan of action:

- Work with owner to secure property and properly dispose of mercury and other chemicals on site.

- Alternative plan: if owner does not respond, PHMDC staff to visit site to collect known mercury, investigate property with Lumex in order to find other reported containers of mercury. Any contained mercury found would be transported to Clean Sweep. MFD HIT would be called to assist if Hg levels found to be hazardous. Madison BI would be called to secure the building(s) as necessary.
- Contact parents of youth and the youth to gather additional information on their activities in the building and where they may have tracked mercury contamination. Perform mercury testing in homes and vehicles potentially receiving tracked mercury. Order abatement of any human health hazards identified and assure that any containers of mercury are taken to Clean Sweep for disposal.
- Hazard Assessment of any properties (schools, businesses, etc) identified in interviews with youth and parents that may have received tracked mercury in the facility. Order abatement of any human health hazards identified.