

# Special Investigations Unit

Saint Paul Police Department

## First Responder Alert

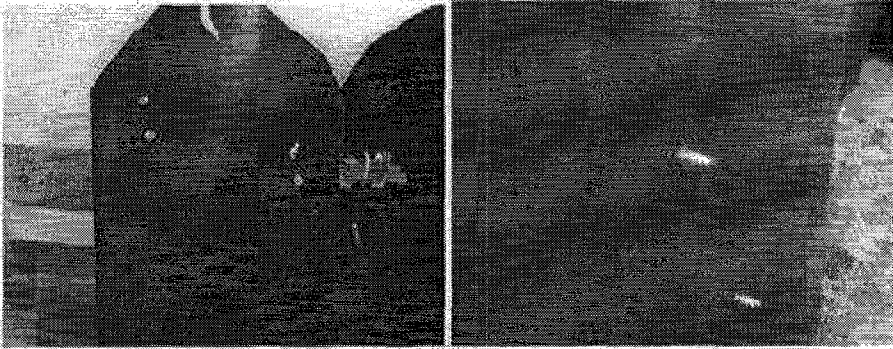
The Minneapolis Police Department, St. Paul Police Department, Bloomington Police Department and the Hennepin County Sheriffs office are asking all police, sheriff, ambulance and fire personal to be on the lookout for stock piles and cache of supplies that could be used by violent demonstrators at the up coming Republican National Convention, September 1-4, 2008. Officials predict anywhere from 20,000 to 65,000 protesters.

While most of the activity will take place in the three above cities, past practices of demonstrators show that they will use out lying abandoned buildings, homes, camping facilities, secluded woods and farm fields to store their supplies.

History has shown that violent demonstrators collect and stock pile items at various locations to be used to further their cause at these types of events. In themselves a small amount of these items would cause no concern. What we are asking for is that all first responders be alert for medium and large number of certain items and their being in an unusual location, ie, 20 home made metal/plastic shields in the basement of a building or 50 helmets of various types in an apartment. Anything that seems out of place for its location could indicate the stock piling of supplies to be used against first responders.

A list of these items includes, but are not limited to:

**Shields**: both metal and plastic.



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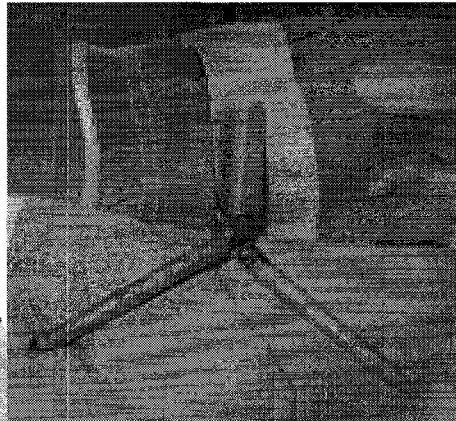
Shields are used by protesters to "defend themselves" from the police. Information from police departments on the west coast show that violent protesters are using 1½ inch to 2 inch self tapping screws to secure the handles on these shields. **However** the way that these screws have been secured to the shields act as an assault weapon against the officers. While not deadly these forward facing screws have caused puncture and slashing wounds on officers and horses confronting violent protesters. Another tactic used by these violent protesters is to sharpen the upper edges of the shields and then use them as a slashing weapon against the officers.

**Helmets:** Football, baseball, motorcycle and bicycle helmets are all used by violent protesters. Most can be picked up at garage sales for \$2-5.

**Gas Masks:** Military surplus stores sell Russian surplus masks for around \$20.

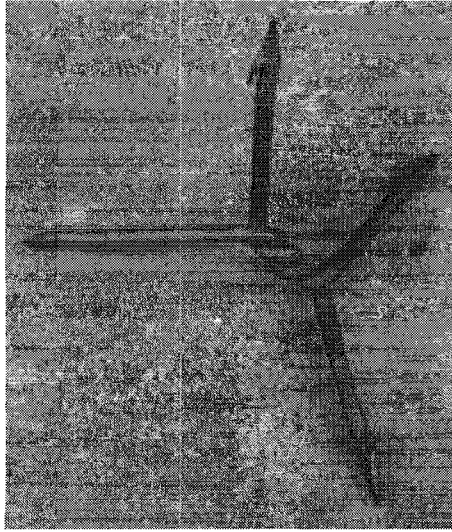
**Chest protectors:** baseball/ softball catcher protectors, \$1-6 at garage sales.

**Cases of Nails:** or coils of 10-12 ga. Wire. This is used to make caltrops.



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Caltrops have been used for centuries as anti personal devices against foot soldiers. Today they are used mainly against vehicle traffic causing multiple flat tires thereby blockading the street. They can also be used to throw at first responders and interfere with K-9's and horses.

**Protest sign handles:** Check the diameter of the wood or metal used to hold up a light paper, cloth or plastic sign. Today's violent protesters are using 1-1/8" closet rod and 2x4's all in 5 foot lengths to hold their message. These heavier wooden handles in 5 foot lengths are perfect for swinging at first responders. Metal posts can also be used to hold improvised Tiki torches to deliver flammable liquid on responders

**Hand held FRS radios:** used by violent protesters for communications and are disposable.

**Maps:** of venues being used by the conventioners.

**Bicycles:** bicycles are used to blockade sidewalks, streets and can be used to slow down responding emergency vehicles.

**Metal pipes:** in 10-20 foot lengths for use as tripods to block intersections and building entrances

**Chemicals:** can be used in balloons to throw/ shoot at first responders

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Any first responder finding an unusual amount of stored equipment should notify their local police or sheriff's department. Pictures should be taken is possible. Information should then be forwarded to either:

[REDACTED] St Paul Police Department,  
367 Grove St. St Paul, Mn. 55101  
(651) 266-5903,  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Minneapolis Police Department  
350 South Fifth St., Minneapolis, Mn. 55415  
(612) 673-3122  
[REDACTED]

source: St Paul Police Department

**Camping information:** The St Paul Police Department is looking for any information from out lying police and sheriff departments concerning the camping/ boarding of potential violent protesters coming to the RNC. Any information where people have rented camping spaces, rented farms or land for the time period around the RNC, August 29- September 5 and are from out of state would be appreciated. Information should go to:

[REDACTED] St Paul Police Department  
367 Grove St. St Paul, Mn. 55101  
(651) 266-5703  
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