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ATF TO INVESTIGATE FIREWORKS CONTAINER EXPLOSION

WAKE FOREST, NC – April 1, 2011 – Wake Forest-area emergency personnel are on the scene of an explosion involving a fireworks container near Wake Forest. The container, known as a fireworks magazine, is located off of East Wait Avenue, just outside the Wake Forest town limits.

A hole is evident in a portion of the roof of the container, but officials say no active fire is visible and no injuries have been reported. The area has been cordoned off, but traffic is not affected.

Agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives are responding to investigate in conjunction with the Wake County Sheriff's Office.

A fireworks magazine is an ATF-approved container for storing display fireworks, such as the kind used in shows, generally under the supervision of a trained pyrotechnician.

Additional updates will be provided as they become available.

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