Formula for Disaster
METHAMPHETAMINE

The manufacture of Methamphetamine has been a growing epidemic in the nation and in the recent year, has affected the communities around us. The activities and byproducts associated with the manufacturing of Methamphetamine are extremely dangerous and highly toxic. Clandestine cooking sites are prone to explosions, fires, and toxic waste contamination. Anyone coming into contact with a site can face serious injury, death, or health risks from collapsed lungs, burns, or other injuries associated with contamination or explosions. All of the ingredients used in the manufacture of Methamphetamine can be purchased at local stores. Individuals involved in the manufactures of Methamphetamine are prone to stealing the ingredients.

The Vermont State Police and area Law Enforcement agencies are asking the business community throughout Vermont to be extremely vigilant and report any suspicious activity. The following lists of ingredients are common in the manufacture of Methamphetamine:

Stores may see an increase in the theft of the following items:

- ☐ Lithium batteries
- ☐ Lye products (Drano, Red Devil Lye, etc.)
- ☐ Muriatic Acid (concrete acid)
- ☐ Acetone (camp fuel, gasoline additives, etc.)
- ☐ First aid cold packs
- ☐ Coffee filters

People involved in the manufacture of Methamphetamine often steal these items from stores. It is recommended that businesses keep certain items behind the counter or within view of cameras or clerks working in the store. Lithium batteries are a key ingredient in the manufacture of Methamphetamine and are an expensive item that is commonly stolen. It is recommended that Lithium batteries be kept behind the counter as a preventive measure.

Law Enforcement is requesting businesses to contact your local Law Enforcement Agency whenever any of the common ingredients are stolen from your business. Owners and employees should inconspicuously retain license plate numbers, subject and vehicle descriptions, and suspect identification information, if possible. Do not try to detain any individual associated with the manufacture of Methamphetamine.

Additional information regarding Methamphetamine Awareness in Vermont may be found at: http://healthvermont.gov/adap/meth/meth.aspx