



# FireWatch

## Fire and Emergency Medical Services Intelligence Briefing

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### Hoax Letters Target Financial Institutions

There has been a rash of white powder letters sent to financial institutions (both banks and FDIC offices) in around the country. The letters have been postmarked from Amarillo, TX with no return address.

There have been no reports of injuries at this time and all persons exposed remain asymptomatic at this time.

Specifically related to the NCR a threat letter was received at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) building in Arlington, VA, on October 20, 2008 and the FDIC downtown offices on October 23, 2008.



The letters contained a threat: "you've been stealing money from us...face repercussions...you will die in ten days." (sic) The writing on the letter and envelope were typewritten and the envelope contained no return address. The letter was postmarked from Amarillo, TX. JTTF/NCRS are currently investigating.

Special Operations Battalion Chiefs: Please notify the JTTF of any responses and with any additional questions.

The DC Fire and EMS Hazardous Materials Units Test Results on the white powder were as follows:

- 20/20 Results Negative for Protein
- Haz Mat ID – Inconclusive
- AHURA – calcium carbonate (not reliable)

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