

BROOME COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION

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EMERGENCY PERSONNEL DECONTAMINATED AFTER CYANIDE SUICIDE

BOSTON, MA - March 1, 2011 –

Fourteen people including four fire-fighters, five EMS workers, three police officers and two residents were decontaminated and taken to the hospital after a woman committed suicide by ingesting cyanide.

The woman's husband returned home to find her dead and contacted police. Responding personnel found a bottle of potassium cyanide with her body along with a suicide note. The woman was employed as a medical researcher and had access to the deadly substance.

The emergency room where the fourteen people were transported was shut down briefly to insure that the poison had been contained. Fortunately none of the 14 have shown any symptoms of cyanide poisoning.

This was the third suicide involving cyanide in Massachusetts in the past year.