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## **Crow Wing County Bomb Squad Brings Home Super Bowl Safety Experience**

Members of the Crow Wing County Bomb Squad returned from security work at Super Bowl 52 and will use that experience across central and Northern Minnesota. The Bomb Squad technicians teamed up with FBI and K-9 teams to provide response for suspicious packages and any hazardous materials related calls during the 10-day event.

"This was a once in a lifetime event that tasked each bomb tech's abilities and knowledge to the limits. The amount of calls and types of calls that we handled before and during the Super Bowl were high and in an environment never seen before. Given the huge stage this event is played on, it brought some of the most unique equipment and technology that the state and federal agencies can provide. We took home knowledge that will better ourselves as bomb technicians and make our community a safer place to live in." said Bomb Commander Sergeant Andy Bradley.

There are only 32 certified Bomb Technicians in Minnesota with 5 being on a team in Crow Wing County. The city of Minneapolis was required to provide 75 bomb technicians during the Super Bowl festivities. All 4 Bomb Squads from across Minnesota were involved in the event with the rest coming from other states as well as the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF).

The Crow Wing County Bomb Squad is a joint effort between the Crow Wing County Sheriff's Office and the Brainerd Police Department. The Crow Wing County Bomb Squad response area is northern Minnesota from St. Cloud to the Canadian Border. Members of the Bomb Squad are all hazardous device certified through completing a 6 week FBI Hazardous Device School. The members are also trained in advanced demolition breaching and Hazmat technician response. The Bomb Squad works closely with the Crow Wing County Tactical Response Team and the Crisis Negotiation Team. The operation of the Bomb Squad is largely funded through federal grants.

The NFL will fund the City of Minneapolis for security expenses during Super Bowl 52. Crow Wing County has entered into a contract for its Bomb Team services and will be reimbursed for employee expenses during the Super Bowl.

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