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## **CHIEF RAMSAY ISSUES APOLOGY**

Wichita Police Chief Gordon Ramsay on Wednesday apologized to residents for insufficient notification of two recent training exercises in which explosives were used in a residential area.

"I sincerely apologize to the residents who were alarmed and upset by this incident and it will not happen again" Ramsay said. Ramsay added that a year ago he mandated improved training notifications to area property owners. He said his orders were not followed.

On Wednesday, the WPD Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) officials were conducting a tactical exercise in the area of Douglas and West Parkway. On Tuesday, March 27, the Explosive Ordinance Disposal (EOD) team was conducting similar training in the same area.

During both training exercises, explosives were used and heard by residents, causing alarm and frustration. A review after the exercise, found insufficient notification was given to area residents.

"The SWAT and EOD Units practice on a regular basis within our community to be ready for a multitude of scenarios," Ramsay said. "The vast majority of training takes place in areas that do not affect citizens in their day-to-day activities.

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