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Late yesterday afternoon, two Maintenance Services Workers were involved in an incident with what appeared at the time to be a minor explosion in one corner of the mechanical room at the Battlefords Union Hospital in North Battleford. As a matter of protocol, the Fire Department was called who then contacted the RCMP for assistance. As a precautionary measure, RCMP cordoned off the area and contacted their technical experts in Regina. At the time, the preliminary findings indicated that risk to patients and staff was minimal, therefore it was not necessary to evacuate the building.

Later that evening, RCMP determined the situation to be safe as there was no evidence of explosive residue. The matter continues to be investigated by both RCMP and Prairie North.

One of the two staff with minor injuries was treated at Battlefords Union Hospital ER and released.

“We are anxious to receive the findings from RCMP as this will assist us in determining what caused the event so that steps can be taken to prevent a similar situation.” said Lionel Chabot, VP of Development & Operations. “We also want to acknowledge the quick response from the North Battleford Fire Department and RCMP Officers from the North Battleford, Saskatoon and Regina detachments.”

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