Preblast Survey Summary

Why is the Preblast Survey being offered?

In addition to the many state and federal regulations that govern blasting, the Village of Caledonia has an explosives use ordinance, Chapter 10 Explosives & Blasting, which regulates the use of explosives and blasting within the Village. Payne & Dolan maintains an explosive use permit for blasting at the Racine Quarry located on Three Mile Road in compliance with this ordinance. Section 7-10-5(c)(4)(c) of the Explosives & Blasting Ordinance includes a requirement that the applicant, in this case Payne & Dolan, provide property owners within a certain distance of the explosive use area (quarry) an opportunity to have a Preblast Survey of their structures completed. The notification area for the Preblast Survey was determined as required by the ordinance and is shown on the attached map. This service is offered annually to eligible property owners as part of the explosives use permit renewal process. There is no cost to the property owner for the Preblast Survey.



Notification Area for Preblast Survey (2019)

Why have I not received this notice before?

Payne & Dolan adjusted the notification distance for the Preblast Survey in this year's explosive use permit renewal to include the recently approved Racine Quarry Development Project area. The adjusted notification area includes many additional properties that have not been in the notification area in the recent past. If you received a Preblast Survey notification letter, your property was included in this adjusted notification area.

Who conducts the Preblast Survey?

The Preblast Surveys will be conducted by Vibra-Tech, Inc., an independent third party with almost 70 years of industry experience. Please see their website, <u>www.vibratechinc.com</u>, for more information on their company and services.

What is the Preblast Survey process?

Beginning in early to mid-June, a representative of Vibra-Tech, Inc. will be contacting interested property owners to schedule their PreBlast Survey. The typical time allotment for a survey is 1.5 hours, but may vary depending on the size and condition of the structure. Surveys are typically scheduled during regular business hours Monday thru Friday. However, the inspectors are flexible and will work with property owners to arrange a time that is suitable for their schedules.

An experienced inspector will come to the home or business at the agreed upon time. Vibra-Tech, Inc. is bonded and insured and all inspectors carry a card with them as proof that lists the policy number and expiration date. The Preblast Survey is completed room by room and wall by wall both interior and exterior. The inspectors will be documenting such conditions as existing cracks, water damage, broken windows or other conditions with the purpose of establishing a meaningful baseline of the existing condition of the structure. Vibra-Tech, Inc. will provide a written report for each of the inspected structures. A copy of the report will be provided to the property owners.