

Robot another tool for bomb squad



Douglas County officials stand clear of the robot that can blow things up. Photo/DCSO

Douglas County officials got a lesson in how to blow things up.

Tahoe-Douglas Fire District employees showed off the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) vehicle and other equipment that was recently bought with a Homeland Security grant.

The fire department has donated its old EOD to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue team. It will be used as a command operations vehicle.

Tahoe-Douglas Bomb Squad Cmdr. Jim Antti demonstrated how the mechanical robot works at the sheriff's substation in Stateline. The robot will be used to investigate and handle suspected bombs and explosives.