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**STATE ROAD A1A AND EL MAR DRIVE TEMPORARILY  
CLOSED AFTER UNKNOWN SUBSTANCE FOUND ON BEACH**



The Volunteer Fire Department on the scene  
Tuesday at the HazMat incident on El Mar Drive.

**State Road A1A and El Mar Drive** in the **Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea** were temporarily closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic on Tuesday morning after a plastic bag was found on the beach containing an unknown but suspicious substance.

The incident occurred shortly after 10AM, when a small, plastic bag containing a white or off-white colored substance was found on the beach. Since what was in the sealed bag could not be identified, the Volunteer Fire Department called for assistance.

The **Broward County** and **Fort Lauderdale** Hazardous Materials teams responded to the beachfront parking lot of the **Minto Group** sales trailer on El Mar Drive. The trailer is next to El Prado Park, which is across from **Town Hall**, 4501 Ocean Drive.

The bag was removed from the scene for analysis by the Broward County HazMat squad. There were no reported injuries.

The **Broward Sheriff's Office** closed A1A to vehicle traffic for about 30 minutes. El Mar Drive was closed to vehicle and pedestrian traffic for about two hours. Fire personnel from all three fire departments cleared the scene shortly after noon.