

## WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER DAMAGE HAS OCCURRED

If you have a complaint about blasting, please contact the State Fire Marshal's Office at 615-741-7190.

- The State Fire Marshal's Office will conduct an investigation at the construction site. Once that field investigation is complete, the State must allow the construction project to continue. You may hear blasting activity after the incident has been investigated and the blasting company has taken steps to prevent further incidents.
- The State Fire Marshal's Office regulates the amount of explosives that a blaster can use in relation to the closest structure or requires a seismograph to be used to ensure the blasts do not exceed legal limits.
- If a blast causes more than \$5,000.00 in property damage or serious personal injury or death, the blaster is required to report to the State Fire Marshal and stop all blasting activity immediately.
- When a blaster reports an incident or when the State Fire Marshal discovers a blast has caused more than \$5,000.00 in property damage, serious injury, or death; the blaster in charge cannot continue to blast until an investigation and informal conference or hearing are complete. The company may hire another blaster to continue the project once the State's field investigation is complete.
- Construction companies must be licensed and carry a bond; and blasters must register with the State. The State Fire Marshal's Office does not have the authority to order or compel the contractor to pay a homeowner for damaged property.
- Damage sustained from a blasting incident is a civil matter. It is possible that your insurance company or a private attorney may be able to recuperate financial loss from a contractor.