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EXPLOSIVE DEVICE LOCATED AT FORMER MUNITIONS DEPOT

SUFFOLK, Virginia (February 20, 2014) The Suffolk Police Department and Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this morning to a call regarding an explosive device in the area of the old Tidewater Community College Campus in northern Suffolk.

Emergency Communications received the call at 8:05 a.m. from a contractor working at the site located in the 7000 block of College Drive, and units arrived at 8:16 a.m.

The location is the site of a former military weapons depot, and explosive devices have been found in the area previously, especially after heavy rains. The explosive device is believed to be an unexploded shell, possibly from World War II. The Military Explosives Ordinance Disposal responded to the scene and has assumed responsibility of the device, which was loaded onto a truck and transported to Yorktown Naval Weapons Station for disposal.

Engine 25, Battalion 2 and the Fire Marshal responded to the incident. There were no injuries.

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