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More Military Ordnance Found in Tierrasanta - Councilmember Emerald Warns of Explosive Danger

Emergency crews spent much of the day Wednesday investigating the discovery of an unexploded military shell found in Tierrasanta. City Councilmember Marti Emerald says the shell was found by an SDG&E crew while they were digging a trench at a utility substation at the East end of Tierrasanta Blvd. San Diego Fire Rescue says the foot long shell was taken away and safely detonated.

“We’re relieved nobody was hurt,” said Councilmember Emerald, who chairs the City Council’s Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee. “However, this is a stark reminder that old World War II vintage shells are still a danger in Tierrasanta.

Tierrasanta used to be part of the Camp Elliot military range, where a countless number of shells were fired during training exercises. In 1983, two Tierrasanta boys were killed when they found a shell and began handling it. The City subsequently hired crews to sweep neighborhood canyons and open space, removing thousands of unexploded military shells. But shells keep turning up, especially after it rains.

The Councilmember wants area residents to be alert for these old military shells. “If you find one please don’t touch it. Keep a safe distance and dial 911 for our Fire and Rescue Department”.

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