

Navy EOD Responds to WWII Era UXO Found in River

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Springfield, Massachusetts an environmental contractor conducting a survey of the Connecticut River came across a munition item on the river bottom. The find was reported to the state police who responded with the Springfield Fire Department. The police called the military for support which resulting in the Navy dispatching an EOD from Newport, Rhode Island to respond.

EOD identified the munition as an unexploded WWII era shell (specific type not reported). EOD carefully relocated the UXO item further away from the shoreline into deeper water before conducting an underwater controlled detonation to dispose of the UXO. Authorities are unsure how the UXO ended up in the river but it was reported to be very rusty which indicates that it has been in the river for a lengthy period of time.