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### **Additional Sweeps Reveal More Military Ordnance at Newtowne Neck State Park**

The Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office Bomb Squad, Maryland Park Service, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District continues to assess and sweep the shoreline of Newtowne Neck State Park due to the recent discovery of military ordnance.

The Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office Bomb Squad have conducted underwater surveys along the shoreline for additional military ordnance. As a result of Tuesday's sweep, eight .57 mm rounds were located underwater. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, is continuing their research into the origin of the ordnance.

Citizens are reminded to maintain a safe distance if they encounter military ordnance or similar objects. Citizens are encouraged to practice the "3R's". "Recognize that any suspicious objects found in the area should not be touched under any circumstances. Retreat, or carefully leave the area. Report immediately what was found and its approximate location to the police."

All three agencies will continue their sweeps and assess the shoreline of Newtowne Neck State Park today. At this time, Newtowne Neck State Park remains closed and will remain closed until deemed safe for public use.

Media questions should be referred to Caryn L. McMahon, Deputy State Fire Marshal, at 240-435-0804.

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