

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT

MAJOR INCIDENT REPORTING FORM

DUTY OFFICER INFORMATION:

1. INCIDENT NAME: Davison County Cannonball
2. PREPARED BY: Jeff Bathke PHONE: 605-999-2863 DATE: 7-7-2016 TIME: 1000
3. STATUS: Resolved
4. LOCATION AND DESCRIPTION
 - a. NATURE OF INCIDENT: Unexploded Military Ordinance (Cannonball)
 - b. INCIDENT LOCATION: 1601 E. 1st Street
 - c. INCIDENT CITY: Mitchell, SD
 - d. REPORTING AGENCY/NAME: Davison County Emergency Management
5. CURRENT ORGANIZATION
 - a. INCIDENT COMMANDER: 1LT Rachel Allison
 - b. COMMAND AGENCY: Mitchell Police Department
 - c. CONTACT PHONE: 605-385-5056
6. RESOURCES SUMMARY
 - a. LOCAL RESPONDERS: Mitchell Police Department
 - b. STATE: DCI
 - c. FEDERAL: Ellsworth Airforce Base Bomb Squad
 - d. VOLUNTEER/PRIVATE: None
7. INCIDENT SUMMARY
 - a. GENERAL
 - i. DEATHS: None
 - ii. INJURIES: None
 - b. DAMAGES: None
 - c. SUMMARY: At 1727 on 6 JUL 2016 EM Bathke had a conversation with Detective Everson from the Mitchell Police Department about a pending press release of a cannonball destroyed after being found by a local resident. A cannonball was taken to the landfill and destroyed with C4 by the Ellsworth Bomb Squad. EM Bathke contacted Duty Officer Doug Gorham at 0848 on 7 JUL 2016, with a verbal report; with pending full information once received from the MPD.

The Press Release included: On Thursday June 30, 2016 at approx. 5:20 p.m. The Mitchell Department of Public Safety received a report of bowling ball sized, Civil War era cannon ball that was inside a building located on the 1600 block of E. 1st Avenue in Mitchell, S.D. Further investigation determined that the cannon ball contained live explosives and metal balls. The cannon ball was collected from the building and was destroyed at the City of Mitchell Landfill in the early morning hours on Friday July 1, 2016 by the 28th Civil Engineer Squadron Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit from Ellsworth Air Force Base. Two

explosions destroyed this cannon ball. The last explosion that occurred at approximately 4:07 a.m. was heard miles away.

The owner of this cannonball found the cannon ball under a work bench in a relative's garage in Wessington Springs, S.D. city limits and brought the cannon ball back to Mitchell on Sunday, June 26, 2016. The owner then researched cannon balls on the internet and discovered that some cannon balls could be dangerous. The owner contacted a friend, who confirmed that the cannon ball could contain explosives. The owner then contacted law enforcement. Law enforcement secured the scene and contacted the Ellsworth's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Section. Members of the E.O.D. unit arrived on scene the evening of July 1, examined and collected the cannon ball, transported it to the Mitchell Landfill and destroyed it.

The cannon ball appears to have been in the garage where it was found for several years. Is not known how the cannon ball was obtained. There was no property damage or injuries associated with this incident.

Agencies involved with this incident are the Mitchell Police Division, the South Dakota Division of Criminal Investigation, the Mitchell Fire Division and the 28th Civil Engineer Squadron E.O.D. Section. For more information on the ordnance disposal, media members should contact 1LT Rachel Allison with the 28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs Section @ 605-385-5056.

8. DUTY OFFICER CALLED (605-773-3231)/emailed (sdoemdutyofficer@state.sd.us):
Duty officer Gorham was called at 0848 on 7 JUL 2016, with a full report provided at 1225 on 8 JUL 2016.

NON-DUTY OFFICER INFORMATION:

CONTAINER TYPE: Cannonball

PLACARD #: None

CHEMICAL: Black Powder

FORM: Solid

AMOUNT: 100 lb. ball

SPILL SIZE: NA

MOVEMENT: NA

ENDANGERED AREA: none POPULATION AREA: None, landfill.

IMMEDIATE THREAT: HUMAN WILDLIFE WATER FISH OTHER

CURRENT OR POTENTIAL HEALTH PROBLEMS: None

CURRENT OR POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS: None

WATER BODIES/STREAMS INVOLVED: None

WHAT MEDIA WAS AFFECTED BY THE RELEASE: Soil

CURRENT WEATHER CONDITIONS AT SCENE: Fair

WIND SPEED: 3.5 mph DIRECTION: N TEMPERATURE: 52° CLIMATE: Clear

SHIPPER/MANUFACTURER: ADDRESS: NA

PHONE: Unknown

DRIVER NAME: NA

INSURANCE COMPANY/POLICY/ADDRESS/PHONE: NA

PHOTO #1

DESCRIPTION: Cannonball



PHOTO #2

DESCRIPTION: Shrapnel from exploded cannonball.



PHOTO #3

DESCRIPTION: Shrapnel from exploded cannonball.

