



News Release - August 17, 2023 (ChST)

August 18 Ypao Rd. Evacuation and Road Closure Necessary for UXO Extraction

The Offices of Guam Homeland Security and Civil Defense (GHS/OCD) were notified by Guam Fire Dispatch of an unexploded ordnance (UXO) found along the construction site on Ypao Road in Tumon. The UXO is described to be a possible mortar round, approximately 16 inches in length and 4 inches in diameter.

The Guam Police Department (GPD), Guam Fire Department (GFD), and an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) unit responded to the scene and after careful assessment, have deemed it necessary to conduct a Render Safe Procedure (RSP) and detonate the UXO in place.

The RSP is scheduled for **Friday, August 18, at 10 a.m.**

For the safety of the public in the surrounding area and responders involved, the following areas have been notified and are required to be evacuated during the time of detonation:

- All residence and businesses within 250 yards of the UXO
- All business fronting the lower Ypao Road and Route 14 Tumon towards the Pacific Islands Club

Residences and businesses outside of the 250 yard, up to to 1,000 yard radius are required to shelter in place until the all clear is given.

Traffic will not be permitted through the following roadways from 0900-1100:

- Ypao Rd. from Seventh Day Adventist Clinic to Route 14 (Pale San Vitores Drive)
- Route 14 by Bishop Flores Loop and Route 14 by J.F.K. Hill
- Carmen Memorial Drive, Paseo De Oro Road, and Congressman Paul D. Palting Loop Route 14B Ypao Road.

The community is reminded to practice the “3Rs of Explosive Safety” when any UXO is encountered:

- Recognize - when you may have encountered a munition and that munitions are dangerous.
- Retreat - do not approach, touch, move, or disturb it, but carefully leave the area.
- Report - call 911 and advise of what you saw and where you saw it.

Visit <https://www.denix.osd.mil/uxo/> to learn more about the “3Rs of Explosive Safety.”

For more information, contact GHS/OCD Public Information Officer, Jenna Blas at (671) 478-0208, GPD Public Information Officer, Sgt. Paul Tapao at (671) 486-0101, or GFD Public Information Officer, Capt. Kevin Reilly at (671) 987-1355.