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Training Missile Drops from Helicopter, Homes Evacuated

100 homes evacuated after inert training missile falls

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About 100 homes in a Central Texas neighborhood had to be evacuated when a 6-foot inactive training missile accidentally fell from a military helicopter.

Killeen police spokesman Carroll Smith said Wednesday that nobody was hurt and the missile fell harmlessly into a field. She says Fort Hood has taken over the investigation.

Smith says a witness saw something fall from a military helicopter around 8 p.m. Tuesday.

Ordinance technicians from Fort Hood examined the missile and determined it was not active. The equipment left a hole, several feet deep, in the ground.

Smith says evacuees were allowed back into their homes within an hour of the incident.

A spokesman for the post did not immediately return a message Wednesday from The Associated Press.

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