

CITY OF VENTURA

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date: September 19, 2018
Incident Number: 18-0075487
Information Contact: Jack Hansen, Battalion Chief
Incident Type: Ruptured Gas Line
Date/Time of Incident: September 19, 2018 @ 6:27 PM
Incident Location: Palm St. and Santa Clara St.
Cause: Under Investigation
Injuries: None Reported
Number of Personnel: 10
Fire Equipment: 3 Engines, 1 Ambulance, 1 Command
Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire and Police Departments, Ventura Streets, Signals, Water and Public Works Departments, Ventura County OES, AMR, Gas Co, Edison, Red Cross

Narrative: Ventura City fire crews responded to a reported gas leak. The first arriving crew discovered a large diameter distribution gas line was ruptured during installation of fiber optic line by a private contractor. Fire crews isolated the area and restricted entry while simultaneously using monitoring equipment to detect gas levels and controlling ignition sources. Residences and businesses in the affected area were notified and advised to shelter in place. Scene managers worked with Ventura County OES and American Red Cross on a contingency for the evacuation of a 75 unit apartment building adjacent to the rupture. Ventura Police assisted with traffic and scene control and evacuation planning. Ventura Streets, Signals Water and Public Works Departments responded to assist. Gas Company construction crews responded and excavated 4 separate holes to control the gas flow.

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