

FIRE DEPARTMENT

MEDIA RELEASE

Date of Release: February 28, 2022

Fire Incident Number: 22-0018519

Incident Commander: Tony Hill, Battalion Chief

Incident Type: Natural Gas Main Leak

Date/Time of Incident: February 28, 2022 / 08:52

Incident Location: Olive / Barnett

Cause/Origin: Construction Excavation

Injuries Reported: None

Units Committed On-Scene: 3 Engines, 1 Support, 1 Battalion Chief

Total Fire Personnel On-Scene: 14

Agencies Involved: Ventura City Fire

Narrative: On the above date and time Ventura City Fire was dispatched to a report of a natural gas line leak. Upon arrival, fire crews discovered that a construction backhoe had ruptured a 2" high pressure gas main while digging a trench in the street. Firefighters had residents for 3 blocks downwind of the rupture shelter in place, closing all their doors and windows, to safeguard against the escaping gas. Gas company personnel were called to the scene to make repairs and restore gas service. Fire Department personnel remained on scene with fire protection hose lines to support the repair operation. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident.

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