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For immediate release:

Natural Gas Leak 38 Crystal Ave. Derry, New Hampshire

On October 16th at 11:39 pm the Derry Fire Communications Center was notified from Derry Police Department that a vehicle struck a gas line on Lincoln St. at Franklin St. A full structural response of 3 engines, one ladder, an ambulance and Battalion Chief were dispatched. On arrival companies noted the building and gas meter were struck by a vehicle at #38 Crystal Ave. There was an active high-pressure leak from the natural gas service line between the ground and the meter.

Companies evacuated the occupied apartment building and buildings in the immediate vicinity of the leak. A reverse 911 call was sent to residents in the immediate area advising them to evacuate. Approximately 12 homes and apartments were evacuated. Liberty Utilities Gas Company and Eversource Power Companies were requested to the scene. Eversource cut the power at about 12:35 am to the immediate area and Liberty Utilities was able to shut the gas off at 12:52 am.

The building that was struck and the buildings immediately adjacent were metered for the presence of gas and ventilated as needed. A second reverse 911 call was sent out at 1:26 am advising residents it was safe to return to their homes.

Derry Police Department is investigating the collision.

A staffing recall was initiated, and Windham, Auburn, Hampstead, Londonderry, and Salem Fire Departments provided station coverage and response to simultaneous incidents.

No civilian or fire personnel injuries were reported.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Scott R. Haggart

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