



## PRESS RELEASE

### Type and Description of Incident / Fire:

At approximately 0933 this morning the Derry Fire Communications Center received a 911 call from a contractor reporting they had struck a gas main at the intersection of Rte 102 and Nesmith St. in the Hillside Estates Condominium Properties.

On arrival units found Natural Gas leaking under high pressure from a hole in the ground reportedly caused by an auger type appliance on a skid steer. High pressure fog streams were applied to disperse the vapor, Liberty Gas Company was notified and an evacuation zone was established utilizing gas meters to determine at risk residences. #2 and #17 Sylvestri Cir and about houses on Chester And Nesmith Rd's were evacuated. The Hillside Estates was opened to provide shelter to evacuees.

The Derry Fire Department worked closely with the Derry Police Department, Hillside Estates and Liberty Utilities to safely resolve the incident.

Four engines, 1 ambulance, multiple Officers from Derry Police and Fire Command Staff responded to the scene. Units from Chester, Auburn Salem and Hampstead provided Station Coverage and responded to other calls for service.

All buildings were re-metered and had zero readings before they were re-occupied. The scene was turned over to the Liberty Gas Company.

### Injuries to Fire and Non-Fire Personnel:

No emergency personnel or civilians were injured during the incident.

### Additional Remarks:

We are reminded of the importance of calling Dig Safe for digging in the ground. Dig Safe can be contacted at 811 and the service is free of charge.

### Photos: Provided by Smokin' Shots Photography- Photographer Paul MacCallum

Incident #	<b>2016-3301</b>	Time of Alarm	<b>0933</b>
Date of Incident:	<b>08/31/2016</b>	Time "Under Control"	<b>1036</b>
Incident Address:	<b>Sylvetri Cir.</b>	Recall of Alarm	<b>1110</b>

Fire Officer Submitting Release: **Battalion Chief Scott Haggart**      Date: **August 31, 2016**

Signature of Fire Officer: \_\_\_\_\_

*Chief of Department – Michael J. Gagnon*

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