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For immediate release:

Motor vehicle Crash involving LPG Tanker, Derry, New Hampshire

On February 7, 2021, the Derry Fire Emergency Communications Division received telephone notification from Derry Police Department of Motor Vehicle Accident involving a Propane truck.

Initially Derry Engine 1, Tanker 1, Ladder 4, and Car 1 responded from their Stations and arrived on scene in under 3 minutes and 30 seconds. First arriving companies found a 10,600 Gallon Liquid Propane Gas (LPG) Tank Tractor Trailer Unit struck by two passenger vehicles. One vehicle struck the drivers side of the truck and a second vehicle struck the under carriage of the LPG Tank in between the loading and off-loading assemblies. Eventually Derry Engine 3 and Engine 2 were requested to assist at the scene.

It was identified that the Propane Tank contained zero pressurized Liquid Propane, however non-pressurized liquid propane may remain. Companies confirmed that appropriate immediate emergency procedures had been followed by the driver following the collisions.

Out of an abundance of caution, following consultation with the Southeastern NH Regional Hazmat Team and the Safety Officer from the Propane Transportation Company, an evacuation zone was identified. Residents were asked to temporarily relocate. The evacuation zone included selected residences of Chester Rd, Grandview Ave, Beaver Rd, Country Rd, Reed St, Circle Dr, Lake St, and Water St. Up to 30 citizens were asked to temporarily evacuate.

With the assistance of local towing companies, both passenger vehicles were removed from the LPG Tractor Trailer Unit and Tank without incident. The LPG Tank was evaluated for structural damage and the air was monitored for possible escaping gas. The Tank was determined to be not structurally compromised and citizens were cleared to return to their residence.

Stations were covered by the Londonderry, Salem, Manchester, and Pelham Fire Departments. A staffing recall was requested to assist in the Communications Center and provide station coverage.

Derry PD assisted with traffic and evacuation.

The Incident number is 2021-0445 and the last fire units cleared at 2:37 pm.

There were no civilian or Fire Department injuries.

Fire Officer Submitting Release: Battalion Chief Shawn M. Haggart

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