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**Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to Chemical Spill**

On Thursday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:10 p.m. the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department responded to a report of a chemical spilled inside a residence at 3 Chester Avenue. Upon arrival the occupant reported that a small container of malathion (pesticide) had been accidentally spilled in the basement of the residence. A small glass container of the insecticide was reported to be on a shelf in the basement and fell to the floor when the homeowner was cleaning and did not notice the small glass container which had likely been stored on the back of the shelf out of site for many years.

The Portland Fire Department hazardous materials team was called in to assist the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department with the cleanup of the chemical. A Department of Environmental Protection representative also responded to the scene.

Nobody was injured and the spill was contained and cleaned up within 45 minutes. The residence was ventilated with fans and the homeowner was allowed back into the residence after the fire department checked the air quality with meters and determined the area was safe to re-enter. Chester Avenue was closed while the department dealt with the cleanup of the spill. It was re-opened at 5:30 p.m.

End of release.

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