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Falmouth Fire-EMS Responds to Propane Leak

On Friday October 5, 2012 at 2:02 p.m. the Falmouth Fire-EMS Department responded to a report of propane leaking from an underground tank on Foreside Road. Crews arrived on scene to find a skid-steer loader resting on top of an underground propane storage tank next to a house under construction. The tank was releasing propane into the air. Fire-EMS crews immediately shut down Foreside Road and evacuated the area. Several construction and landscape crewmembers were evacuated as well as all houses within the immediate area. A total of 10 houses were evacuated.

Fire-EMS crews maintained an evacuation zone and routed traffic away from Foreside Road. Crews used hose lines to dissipate the vapors so that crews from the gas company could remove the skid steer loader, repair the leak and contain the propane. It is estimated that approximately 200 gallons were released from the tank before the leak was stopped. Falmouth Fire-EMS was assisted by Falmouth Police and Falmouth Fire Police on scene. The Cumberland and Windham Fire Departments covered Falmouth during the event. While covering, Cumberland responded along with a Falmouth ambulance to multiple motor vehicle crashes on I-295 in Falmouth.

There were no injuries on scene. Foreside Road was re-opened at 7:15 p.m. and all units cleared the scene at 7:27 p.m.

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