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## **UPDATE**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 8, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue advises that the hazard from the ruptured gas line has been eliminated and citizens that had been impacted have been allowed to return to their residences. A total of 14 homes were evacuated. Several citizens received shelter on the Suffolk Fire & Rescue Rehab Bus.

The affected roadway has reopened.

### **HUNTER STREET CLOSED DUE TO GAS LEAK**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 8, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue is currently on the scene of a gas line rupture in the 300 block of Hunter Street in the Pleasant Hill neighborhood.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the incident at 11:25 a.m. Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined that contractors working in the area had ruptured a gas service line. Virginia Natural Gas crews are also on scene.

Battalion Chief Chuck Knight has advised that occupants in the area have self-evacuated. Crews are evaluating the surrounding area in case additional evacuations

are needed. The Suffolk Fire & Rescue Rehab Bus is also on scene in the event it is needed.

Hunter Street is completely closed, and Suffolk Police are providing traffic control in the area.

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