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## **UPDATE – 2:30 P.M.**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 28, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue advised that the gas line has been secured and they are in the process of removing all staged equipment and providing assistance to any citizens that may need help returning to their residences.

The affected roadways are also being reopened.

## **UPDATE – 1:00 P.M.**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 28, 2020) Multiple Suffolk Fire & Rescue units remain on scene in the Lloyd Place neighborhood following this morning's ruptured gas line.

As a precautionary measure, approximately 42 residents have been evacuated from 17 residences. Additionally, residents in 8 homes are currently sheltering in place due to medical needs, etc.

Several affected citizens are being provided assistance and shelter on Suffolk Fire & Rescue's Rehab Bus.

The involved roadways as previously advised remain closed at this time, and Public Works crews have placed detour signs in the area. It is estimated that necessary

repairs may take several hours. Suffolk Police remain on scene providing traffic control.

**SEVERAL STREETS IN LLOYD PLACE NEIGHBORHOOD  
CLOSED DUE TO RUPTURED GAS LINE**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 28, 2020) Suffolk Fire & Rescue is currently on the scene of a gas line rupture in the 100 block of N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street in the Lloyd Place neighborhood.

Emergency Communications was made aware of the incident at 11:07 a.m. and the first unit arrived on scene at 11:12 a.m. Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined that a contractor working in the area had ruptured a gas service line. Virginia Natural Gas crews are also on scene.

Occupants in the area have self-evacuated. The Suffolk Fire & Rescue Rehab Bus is also on scene in the event it is needed.

Responding units include Battalion 1, Engines 1, 2, and 3, Ladder 3, Medic 3, Rescue 1, EMS-1, Safety 1, and Rehab 6.

At this time, the following streets in the area are completely closed: N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, N. Capital Street, and Bank Street Extended. Suffolk Police are also on scene providing traffic control in the area.

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