

## NEWS RELEASE

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## UPDATE

SUFFOLK, VA (October 27, 2021) Suffolk Fire & Rescue advise that the gas leak was secured at approximately 7:47 p.m. and the residents that were previously evacuated have been allowed to return to their homes.

### **RUPTURED GAS LINE CAUSES EVACUATIONS DOWNTOWN**

SUFFOLK, VA (October 27, 2021) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units are currently on the scene of a gas leak in Downtown Suffolk that is affecting businesses, apartments, and roadways in the 100 block of Saratoga Street between West Washington Street and Market Street.

Emergency Communications was contacted at 4:39 p.m. advising of the incident, and the first unit arrived on scene at 4:43 p.m.

Upon preliminary investigation, it was determined that a contractor struck a gas line while working in the area. Firefighters have contacted businesses in the area, in addition to residents of The Loft at One Eleven, to advise of the need to evacuate.

Virginia Natural Gas crews are also responding.

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

The Rehab Bus is on scene to provide temporary shelter to evacuees if needed. Suffolk Police are also on scene providing traffic control in the immediate area.

This is a working incident.

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