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UPDATE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 5, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue units have cleared the scene and Walmart reopened at 1:05 p.m. Walmart's regional maintenance personnel have isolated the problem to rooftop HVAC units.

WALMART TEMPORARILY CLOSED DUE TO DETECTION OF CARBON MONOXIDE

SUFFOLK, Virginia (March 5, 2014) Suffolk Fire & Rescue and Suffolk Police were dispatched to the Walmart located at 1200 North Main Street today at 9:38 a.m. following a call from an employee who detected an odor of gas in the store.

Suffolk Fire & Rescue units detected carbon monoxide inside the store with their gas meters. Virginia Natural Gas was contacted and also responded to the scene. The store was evacuated at 9:44 a.m. and is currently closed. Suffolk Police are on the scene assisting with traffic control. There were no reports of any injuries or patients associated with this incident.

Walmart's regional maintenance personnel have been contacted by local Walmart officials to respond to the store to isolate the cause of the detection of carbon monoxide and the odor of gas.

The HVAC units at the building are remotely controlled at a Walmart facility out of state and therefore the cause of the gas and carbon monoxide odors cannot be isolated. Virginia Natural Gas secured the gas lines to the building as a precautionary measure.

The store is anticipated to remain closed for several hours. No neighboring businesses are affected.

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