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FIREFIGHTERS RESPOND TO ACE HARDWARE WAREHOUSE GAS LEAK

SUFFOLK, VA (February 3, 2015) Suffolk Fire & Rescue responded earlier this evening to a reported gas leak at the Ace Hardware Corporation Import Re-Distribution Center located in the 2400 block of Holland Road.

Emergency Communications received the call at 9:40 p.m. advising of an odor of gas inside the building. All employees had evacuated the facility prior to the arrival of firefighters. Upon preliminary investigation it was determined that a fork lift had struck a gas line inside the facility. There were no injuries.

Firefighters secured the gas at the meter and ventilated the structure with the assistance of building ventilation fans. Air quality checks were also made and were determined to be clear. Virginia Natural Gas also responded.

Engines 1 and 4, Ladder 6, Rescue 1, Battalion 1, EMS-1 and Medic-42A with the Nansemond Suffolk Volunteer Rescue Squad responded. Suffolk Police provided traffic control and security at the scene.

Ace management officials made the determination to send the approximately 15 employees home for the rest of the shift.

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