



Palatine Fire Department

Incident Press Release

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Gas Leak and Evacuations in Downtown Palatine

At 1003 hours on Monday, September 20, the Palatine Fire Department was called for a broken natural gas line at the intersection of Palatine Rd. and Greeley St. near downtown Palatine. First arriving crews found an approximate 2 ½ inch gas line had been broken by a road construction company.

Fire department personnel detected the presence of natural gas in neighboring multi family buildings. The Palatine Police Department and NICOR assisted the fire department with the evacuation of multi family and single family homes, and businesses in the area of the leak. Approximately 50 people were evacuated. Fire department personnel remained on the scene until the gas leak was stopped at 1500 hours. There were no injuries, Twelve members of Palatines Emergency Management Agency were on the scene helping with traffic redirection around the incident.

The Palatine Fire Department would like to remind all residents to call the Joint Utility Locating Information for Excavators (J.U.L.I.E) at 811 prior to digging.

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