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Gas Leak Incident – Main Street

HOLDEN A Mass DOT contractor working in the roadway in front of 1063 Main Street struck an underground natural gas main causing a major leak. The call was reported to the fire department at 12:31 p.m. prompting a response.

According to Holden Fire Chief Russell Hall, the first arriving units found a large natural gas leak coming from a roadway trench that was being excavated. The leak closed Main Street to through traffic for approximately two hours. Eversource was on the scene and was able to temporarily patch the damage and stop the flow of gas. Fire department crews inspected and checked for elevated gas levels in all of the surrounding structures with no issues found.

While on scene, a portion of the road approximately 300 feet away from the gas leak, that had been a location of a prior trench, gave way underneath a parked piece of fire apparatus. The vehicle was extricated from the sink hole by Ricky's Towing and Recovery of Leominster. There were no injuries to anyone on scene and the vehicle sustained minor damage.

Please remember that gas leaks are a true emergency and if you suspect that there is a damaged gas main or service, contact 911 immediately.

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