

Grand Chute Fire Department

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NATURAL GAS LEAK CLOSES SECTION OF CAPITOL DRIVE

Leak Contained; No Property Damage or Injuries Reported

GRAND CHUTE – On Tuesday June 21st at 9:08 AM the Grand Chute Fire Department was dispatched to the area of North Rifle Range Road and West Capitol Drive for a report of a natural gas leak. Outagamie County 911 Dispatchers provided additional information stating that a four inch gas line had been struck by an excavator.

Fire personnel arrived on scene and located the source of the leak. The area surrounding the struck gas line was isolated, and fire crews were deployed downwind of the release with metering equipment to monitor conditions as a precaution. West Capitol Drive was closed between Bluemound Drive and Casaloma Drive, and four residences were evacuated due to their proximity to the leak. WE Energies was immediately notified, and responded quickly to assist in mitigating the release.

Fire personnel remained on scene until approximately 10:30 AM when WE Energies declared the leak contained. No property damage or injuries were reported, and access to the affected area of West Capitol Drive was immediately restored. Agencies assisting on scene included the Greenville Fire Department, as well as the Grand Chute Police Department.

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