

Emergency Operations

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Chapter	IX – Hazardous Material Incidents
Subject	7 – Broken Natural Gas Main – Fire
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7.01 Purpose

To establish guidelines for the handling of an incident involving a gas leak on fire outside a structure.

7.02 Policy

All personnel shall follow these guidelines for incidents involving gas leaks outside a structure that are on fire.

7.03 Procedure

- A. Notify Communications to have Center Point / Entex Company respond to the location.
- B. Request additional units as necessary.
- C. Request traffic control and/or road closure from Police Services.

7.04 Safety

- A. All personnel involved with the operation shall have on full protective clothing including self-contained breathing apparatus. (REF. 1-IV-2).
- B. Backup lines shall be used to protect personnel involved in fire control.
- C. Fire lines shall be set-up and Police Services will keep spectators clear of the area.

7.05 Fire Control

- A. The gas company shall control any leaks from gas mains
- B. The Emergency Services shall:
 - Protect Gas Company Employees, as is necessary.
 - Protect exposures from fire and radiated heat.
 - Attempt to control (not extinguish) the fire using fog streams, pending gas being shut off.
 - When requested by Gas Company to extinguish the fire, water fog or dry chemical (or a combination of both) may be used.