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FIREFIGHTERS SUCCESSFULLY STOP LIQUIFIED GAS LEAK

Date/Time: **December 11, 2013**
Location: **10600 block of Almond Ave. in Fontana**
Incident: **Liquefied Natural Gas Leak Mitigated by Firefighters**

On December 10, 2013 at 8:50 am the San Bernardino County Communications Center received a call for a gas leak detector alarm on the 10600 block of Almond Ave. The first arriving fire engine reported an active leak of liquefied natural gas from a 15,000 gallon storage tank. A full hazardous materials response assignment including one medic engine, one hazardous materials unit, one medic squad and one battalion chief responded to the scene.

Fire personnel immediately put a "shelter in place" evacuation procedure into effect. This required the on-site employees at the facility to stay indoors. Continuous air monitoring was started and in place throughout the operation. All possible ignition sources were eliminated and fire crews came up with a plan to stop the leak. Utilizing specialized tools for hazardous material incidents, crews were able to successfully stop the leak by closing a faulty valve on the tank.

There were no other evacuations of local businesses or residents. There were no reported injuries to the public or emergency responders.

The San Bernardino County Fire Department would like to remind the public that when they call 911 to report an emergency, to have an accurate address of the emergency that they are reporting.