



NEWS RELEASE

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Vehicle Crashes into NW Natural Gas Line

At 12:52 Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue was dispatched to a vehicle accident involving a natural gas line at the intersection of NW 185th and NW West Union Road. A driver turning left from West Union to 185th South bound lost control of their vehicle and crashed head-on to what is a gas relief valve owned by NW Natural. Under normal conditions this relief valve releases gas intermittently as needed, however, the damage it sustained from the vehicle crash caused natural gas to release continuously. Firefighters evacuated two nearby homes and businesses as a precautionary measure while crews from NW Natural worked to safely fix the situation. The gas from the relief valve was shut off within 2 hours and the intersection of NW 185th and NW West Union rd. has since re-opened.

There were no injuries and no gas customers affected. NW Natural crews are still on-scene at this time to fix the gas relief valve.



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