

POLICY: REPORTED GAS LEAKS/SMELL OF GAS, RESPONSE INVOLVING A STRUCTURE

Hadley Township Fire Department
Policy # 108

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this policy is to provide a standard approach to the Hadley Township Fire Department's response to reported gas leaks or smell of gas, involving a structure, and to outline the minimum actions that must be taken to protect both the public and our own people.

POLICY:

When the fire department receives a report of a gas leak or the smell of gas involving a structure, they will respond in the following manner:

- Upon acknowledgment to Dispatch of the response, it shall be confirmed that gas utility company has been notified. If Dispatch has not notified the gas utility company, a request will be made for them to do so immediately.
- Appropriate personnel and apparatus will respond.
- The arriving apparatus and personnel will stop a safe distance from the incident location as determined by the officer.
- One firefighter or officer dressed in full turnout gear will shut off the gas supply immediately, if able to do so from the exterior of the structure.
- Determination shall be made to ensure that all occupants are out of the structure.
- All firefighters are to be in full turnout gear including S.C.B.A. (masks not donned) and remain in the staging area.
- Pre-connect attack lines will be pulled and prepared for charging and advancing if necessary.
- If it is possible to initiate ventilation without entering the structure, the officer in charge may order this to be done. If positive pressure ventilation is to be utilized, the fan motor must be started at the engine and advanced to its proper location.
- Personnel will remain in a defensive mode until the arrival of gas utility company. The officer in charge will then determine any further action by the fire department.