



City of Franklin

316 Central Street

Franklin, NH 03235

Official Press Release

November 16th, 2023

As an update to the incident/evacuation of Central Street on November 15, 2023, personnel from the Franklin Fire Department, NH DES, and US EPA are actively engaged in assessing the situation in an effort to ensure the safety of the businesses and residents effected.

Gasoline vapor levels are being measured in each location effected. As a result, fire apparatus may be parked on Central Street interfering with traffic flow. It is recommended that motorists avoid downtown Central Street when able.

All parties involved will be advised as to when they may return to their residences/businesses.

When this occurs, it is strongly suggested that should anyone detect an unfamiliar odor, e.g., gasoline, that they call 9-1-1 to report the matter.

We request complete cooperation for the safety of all involved.

Resources activated include: Franklin Fire Department, Franklin Police Department, NH Fire Marshall's Office, Franklin Municipal Services, NH Department of Environmental Services (DES), Franklin City Government, and US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

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