



# SHELTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



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At approximately 2:35 PM the Shelton Police Department was notified of a natural gas leak on Maple Av near Leavenworth Rd (Route 110). Shelton Police, Shelton Fire and Shelton EMS responded. Arriving units found a 6 inch natural gas line was struck by an excavator while doing road work. Maple Av and East Village Rd have been under construction for approximately the past year and one-half. YankeeGas was notified and responded. A valve controlling the line was shutdown on Leavenworth Rd ending the gas leak.

As a precaution roads in the area were shutdown and several residential homes were evacuated. The White Hills Shopping Center and the Mont's Mart Gas Station were also evacuated.

The area was determined safe approximately 40 minutes after the initial report. YankeeGas will be on scene for approximately 4 hours to repair the pipe. All roads were reopened except for Maple Av between Leavenworth Rd and East Village Rd until repairs are made. This line feeds the White Hills area so customers will be without natural gas until the pipe is repaired..

There were no injuries.

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