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RUPTURED GAS LINE LEADS TO EVACUATIONS

4S RANCH, Calif. — Firefighters from the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District responded at 9:53 a.m. today to the report of a ruptured gas line on Camino San Bernardo just south of Camino del Norte. Upon arrival, firefighters discovered that a tractor doing road work in the area had severed a 4-inch natural gas line. The Sheriff's Department and California Highway Patrol assisted with the evacuation of 10 condominiums adjacent to the leak and traffic control on surface streets while San Diego Gas and Electric worked to secure the leak. Crews remained on scene for approximately three and a half hours until the leak was secured. Evacuated residents were then allowed to return to their homes.

Two fire engines and a Battalion Chief from RSFFPD responded to the scene along with SDG&E, CHP, and San Diego County Sheriff's Department. No injuries were reported. Battalion Chief Mike Gibbs served as the Incident Commander.

The mission of the Rancho Santa Fe Fire Protection District is "To protect life, property, and environment through prevention, preparedness, education and emergency response." Formed in 1946, the Fire District now spans approximately 42-square miles and protects over 26,500 citizens. The Fire District currently operates out of four full-time fire stations and serves the communities within and surrounding Rancho Santa Fe and 4S-Ranch.

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