

INCIDENT REPORT

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Fire Department: Garden Grove Fire Department
Incident Number: G1505721
Exposure Number: 00
Multi-Agency IC#: 00135374 A1514968 00135430
Incident Date: 05/19/15
Dispatch Time: 09:06:37
Arrival Time: 09:10:44
Controlled Time:
Ending Time: 18:00:26
First-In Company: GE2
District: G2218
Incident Type: Chemical hazard (no spill or leak)
Mutual Aid: None
Method of Alarm: Telephone
Type of Weather:
Air Temperature: 64
Address, CSZ: 9331 CHAPMAN AV
Census Tract:
Fire Haz Sev Zone: Medium

RESOURCES & CASUALTIES

Actions Taken 1: Provide basic life support (BLS)
Actions Taken 2: Incident command
Actions Taken 3: Notify other agencies.
#Apparatus Resp Engine: 0
#Apparatus Resp Trk: 0
#Apparatus Resp Med: 0
#Apparatus Resp Oth: 2
Fire Svs Injury: 0
Fire Svs Fatal: 0
Non-FS Injury: 0
Non-FS Fatal: 0

PROPERTY & STUDIES

Property Losses:
Content Losses:
Property Value:
Contents Value:
Insurance Co:
Building Ins:
Mixed Prop Use:
Property Use: Multifamily dwelling
Detector

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Hazmat Rel: None
Critical Inc:
Special Studies:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

Number of Patients:
Billing Care:
Status:
Transported to:
Patients Trans - Fire:
Patients Trans - Amb:

COMMENTS

***** GE2 *****

MEDICAL / HAZMAT / SWAT Response

GE2 to responded to the front of an apartment building that was tented for fumigation on a 20 y/o male in GGPD custody c/o anxiety after being exposed to the gas fumigant Vikane while inside the building, burglarizing it. He was assessed & transported BLS to GGH via Care Ambulance.

The patient had stated that he was with someone else inside the building, but that the other party had fled. A GGPD officer stated that when he was looking inside, he saw someone wearing respiratory protection & goggles run back into the inner portion of the building. It was deemed necessary to make entry to search for a subject who may be in distress or hiding. GGPD established a perimeter around the entire building.

GE2 met with GGPD to develop a plan for making entry. Since the subject may have been armed, it was determined that a SWAT team was needed to make entry. The GGPD SWAT team was neither equipped with, nor trained in the use of respiratory protection. It was decided to request Orange County's Joint Hazards Assessment Team (JHAT), comprised of SWAT Team members from the Orange County Sheriff's Department, Irvine PD, Huntington Beach PD & members from the OCSD's Bomb Squad.

Since the apartment complex's center courtyard was not tented, GGPD requested APD's helicopter to get a visual. No suspect was located by APD.

The pest control company, Mega Fume, Inc., was called and sent a crew & supervisor to the scene to provide technical assistance. AHM6 was requested and responded along with AE6 to complete the Haz-Mat Team. GE2 notified GB1, established Chapman IC & entered into a unified command with GGPD on the street side of the apartment building. Chapman Ave. was shut down in both directions to allow for equipment staging & incident support services. AHM6

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was assigned Haz-Mat Group & PD Liaison. AE6 was assigned Haz-Mat Safety. Haz-Mat Group notified OC Health and initiated form ICS208. The remainder of GE2's crew was assigned Medical Group along with GA2

Haz-Mat Group met with Chapman IC and a representative from Mega Fume to determine the product's hazards, precautions, decontamination requirements & mitigation methods. Vikane is a gas fumigant that is toxic via inhalation. Respiratory protection requires self-contained breathing apparatus. Decontamination can be accomplished by exiting the environment. The concentration level of the product can be reduced by both positive & negative pressurization of the environment.

Members from Orange County's JHAT arrived on scene & met with GGPD, Chapman IC and the Haz-Mat Group Supervisor. Support needs were identified & requested through Metro Net that included GT1, GLA1 & OCFA Service / Support 1. These units were assigned to handle air bottle refilling & rehab services.

JHAT fortified the existing perimeter, entered into a unified command with GGPD and developed a strategic & tactical plan. Members from OC Health & OC Agriculture arrived on scene to provide technical assistance.

With a Force Protection Group provided by JHAT, Haz-Mat Group along with the crew from Mega Fume began reducing the product's concentration through ventilation. Initial concentration levels were measured with Mega Fume's equipment & periodically measured again throughout the ventilation process.

When a substantial drop in the product's concentration was accomplished, members of JHAT conducted a comprehensive & lengthy search of each of the 20+ apartment units, as well as the roof & exterior. No suspect was located & no injuries to personnel on scene were reported. No decontamination was necessary.

A post incident debriefing occurred and the building was left with Mega Fume to finish removing the tent & to complete their pest control service.

Agency Representatives:

GGPD - Flores #2892

OCSD - Balicki

HBPD - Domingo

IPD - Whalen

OC Health - Cheng

OC Agriculture - Mikhail

Capt. Niblo