

Train derailment #1

Galveston County Office of Emergency Management

SITUATION REPORT #1

SUBJECT: Santa Fe Train Derailment

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, 2-18-10, 8:45 AM

İ CURRENT SITUATION:

Santa Fe Police Department, Galveston County S.O., Hitchcock PD and area fire departments are responding to a train derailment along Highway 6 in the vicinity of Avenue M and 18th Street. Twenty cars are reported on their side. These include 4-6 cars carrying propane and multiple cars with liquid asphalt. One asphalt car has leaked product into a ditch; a second car carrying non-toxic flue dust has dumped its load. Highway 6 is shut down in the vicinity of the incident only. Multiple response agencies on scene including TxDOT, TCEQ and representatives of the railroad. Plans are to right the propane-carrying cars first and offload product, but that likely will not occur before Thursday afternoon. HAZMAT is on scene mixing dirt with the spilled asphalt for pick-up.

İ AREAS AFFECTED BY THIS EVENT: Santa Fe residences and businesses in a quarter-mile radius around the derailment at 18th St. and Avenue M.

İ RESPONDING OFFICES/DEPARTMENTS, RESOURCES COMMITTED: SFPD, Hitchcock PD, SFISD Police, Galveston County S.O., Santa Fe Fire & Rescue, Alvin Fire and Rescue, TxDOT, TCEQ, BNSF Railroad.

İ CASUALTIES: None.

İ DAMAGES: None reported.

İ EVACUATION: Initially a one-mile radius; reduced to 18th street neighborhood in vicinity of incident.

İ SHELTER: Santa Fe Junior High School. Red Cross assessing needs. School remains in session.

İ ROADS CURRENTLY CLOSED/IMPACTED: Highway 6 between Avenue I and Avenue L.

İ CURRENT UTILITY OUTAGES: None reported.

İ COMMENTS: GCOEM, currently at Level 3, is monitoring the situation and assisting with public information and phone calls. County officials notified of situation. At this time no other resources have been requested through GCOEM.

The four (4) levels of EOC activation are:

Level 1 (Emergency Conditions)

Level 2 (Escalated Response Conditions)

Level 3 (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level 4 (Normal Conditions)

Train derailment #2

Galveston County Office of Emergency Management

SITUATION REPORT #2

SUBJECT: Santa Fe Train Derailment

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, 2-18-10, 10:30 AM

Ī CURRENT SITUATION:

Santa Fe Police Department, Galveston County S.O., Hitchcock PD and area fire departments are responding to a train derailment along Highway 6 in the vicinity of Avenue M and 18th Street. Seventeen cars are reported on their side. These include:

10 cars containing propane/LPG

3 box cars, one with fiberglass materials

3 molten sulfur

1 leaking asphalt

One asphalt car has leaked product into a ditch; a second car carrying non-toxic flue dust has spilled its load. HAZMAT is on scene mixing dirt with the spilled asphalt for pick-up. Highway 6 is shut down in the vicinity of the incident only. Multiple response agencies are on scene including TxDOT, TCEQ and representatives of the railroad. Plans are to right the propane-carrying cars first and offload product, but that likely will not occur before Thursday afternoon. Law enforcement reports bystanders are walking on the tracks near the derailment to get a closer look. DPS units to assist clearing the tracks on the south side, along 18th Street. Pedestrians will be issued citations if they interfere.

Ī AREAS AFFECTED BY THIS EVENT: Santa Fe residences and businesses in the vicinity of derailment at 18th St. and Avenue M. Estimated 100 residents, several businesses.

Ī RESPONDING AGENCIES, RESOURCES COMMITTED: Santa Fe PD, Hitchcock PD, Santa Fe ISD Police, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Santa Fe Fire & Rescue, Alvin Fire and Rescue, TxDPS (4 units), TxDOT, TCEQ, BNSF Railroad.

Ī CASUALTIES: None reported.

Ī DAMAGES: None reported.

Ī EVACUATION: Initially a one-mile radius; reduced to 18th street neighborhood in vicinity of incident @ 7:30 AM. Evacuation order for this neighborhood near the derailment remains in place.

Ī SHELTER: Santa Fe Junior High School, 4132 Warpath Ave. Representatives from Texas City office of Red Cross currently assessing needs. All Santa Fe schools remain open at this time. See www.sfid.org

ï ROADS CURRENTLY CLOSED/IMPACTED: Highway 6 between Avenue I and Avenue L.

ï CURRENT UTILITY OUTAGES: None reported.

ï COMMENTS: GCOEM, currently at Level 3, is monitoring the situation and assisting with public information and phone calls. County officials notified of situation. At this time no other resources have been requested through GCOEM.

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Level 1 (Emergency Conditions)

Level 2 (Escalated Response Conditions)

Level 3 (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level 4 (Normal Conditions)

Train derailment #3

Galveston County Office of Emergency Management

SITUATION REPORT #3

SUBJECT: Santa Fe Train Derailment

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, 2-18-10, 5 PM

Ī CURRENT SITUATION: Santa Fe Police Department, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Galveston County Emergency Management, Hitchcock PD, Dickinson PD and area fire departments are continuing to respond to a train derailment along Highway 6 in the vicinity of Avenue M and 18th Street. The derailment involved 17 cars containing a variety of products, including liquefied petroleum gas, asphalt, molten sulfur and flue dust.

Efforts are continuing to clean up the asphalt that leaked from one of the cars. Response crews also are continuing to remove the damaged cars from the tracks and offload the products inside. Multiple state and local responders and agencies have been involved in the response since early Thursday morning, including local police and fire departments, TxDOT, TCEQ and representatives of the railroad, Burlington Northern Santa Fe.

Ī AREAS AFFECTED BY THIS EVENT: Santa Fe residences and businesses in a quarter-mile radius around the derailment at 18th St. and Avenue M. Estimated 100 residents, several businesses.

Ī RESPONDING AGENCIES, RESOURCES COMMITTED: Santa Fe PD, Hitchcock PD, Santa Fe ISD Police, Dickinson PD, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Santa Fe Fire & Rescue, Alvin Fire and Rescue, TxDPS (4 units), TxDOT, TCEQ, BNSF Railroad, Galveston County Office of Emergency Management.

Ī CASUALTIES: None reported.

Ī DAMAGES: None reported.

Ī EVACUATION: Initially a one-mile radius; reduced to 18th street neighborhood in vicinity of incident @ 7:30 AM. Evacuation order for this neighborhood near the derailment remains in place.

Ī SHELTER: Santa Fe Junior High School, 4132 Warpath Ave., opened briefly Thursday morning then closed.

Ī ROADS CURRENTLY CLOSED/IMPACTED: Highway 6 between Avenue I and Avenue L.

Ī CURRENT UTILITY OUTAGES: None reported.

Ī COMMENTS: GCOEM, currently at Level 3, is monitoring the situation and assisting with public information and phone calls. County officials notified of situation. At this time no other resources have been requested through GCOEM.

The four (4) levels of EOC activation are:

Level 1 (Emergency Conditions)

Level 2 (Escalated Response Conditions)

Level 3 (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level 4 (Normal Conditions)

Train derailment #4

Galveston County Office of Emergency Management

SITUATION REPORT #4

SUBJECT: Santa Fe Train Derailment

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, 2-18-10, 6:30 PM

İ CURRENT SITUATION: Santa Fe Police Department, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Hitchcock PD, Dickinson PD and area fire departments are continuing to respond to a train derailment along Highway 6 in the vicinity of Highway 6 and Avenue M. The derailment involved approximately 20 cars containing a variety of products, including liquefied petroleum gas, asphalt, molten sulfur and flue dust.

Multiple state and local responders and agencies have been involved in the response since early Thursday morning, including local police and fire departments, TxDOT, TCEQ and representatives of the railroad, Burlington Northern Santa Fe. As of 6 PM all of the LPG cars had been righted and moved off the tracks, along with a car containing flue dust. The sulfur cars have been moved off the rails but have not been righted. Efforts were under way at dusk to reopen Highway 6 traffic in both directions, pending restoration of power to the traffic light at FM 646 (Main Street) and Highway 6. One outside lane heading eastbound will remain blocked for cleanup operations.

İ AREAS AFFECTED BY THIS EVENT: Santa Fe residences and businesses around the derailment along 18th Street near Avenue M. Estimated 100 residents, several businesses.

İ RESPONDING AGENCIES, RESOURCES COMMITTED: Santa Fe PD, Hitchcock PD, Santa Fe ISD Police, Dickinson PD, Galveston County Sheriff's Office, Santa Fe Fire & Rescue, Alvin Fire and Rescue, TxDPS (4 units), TxDOT, TCEQ, BNSF Railroad, Galveston County Office of Emergency Management.

İ CASUALTIES: None reported.

İ DAMAGES: None reported.

İ EVACUATION: Initially a one-mile radius; reduced to 18th street neighborhood in vicinity of incident @ 7:30 AM. Evacuation order lifted mid-morning Thursday.

İ SHELTER: Santa Fe Junior High School, 4132 Warpath Ave., opened briefly Thursday morning then closed after all citizens departed.

İ ROADS CURRENTLY CLOSED/IMPACTED: Highway 6 between Avenue I and Avenue L; expected to be open in both directions by 7 PM.

İ CURRENT UTILITY OUTAGES: None reported, except those tied to the recovery operation.

İ COMMENTS: GCOEM, currently at Level 3, continues to monitor the situation. At this time no other resources have

been requested through GCOEM.

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Level 2 (Escalated Response Conditions)

Level 3 (Increased Readiness Conditions)

Level 4 (Normal Conditions)