



City of Yuma Fire Department  
***Press Release***

Date: 11/25/2024

Subject: Propane Leak

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Release: ***For Immediate Release***

On 11/24/24 at approximately 6:30 pm the Yuma Fire Department received reports of a possible leak coming from a 100-gallon propane tank near a home in the 3300 blk of s 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Responding crews immediately upgraded the incident to include a *Hazmat* response, dispatching YFD Spec ops(hazmat). Yuma Engine 2 (YE02) arrived on scene and confirmed the presence of propane in the air utilizing air monitoring meters. Utilizing protective equipment, YE02 made an initial attempt to secure the leaking valve without success. Additional arriving units, Yuma Engine 3, Engine 6, Engine 5 and Ladder 1 began evacuating the surrounding homes and deployed hose lines for fire protection. After evaluating the failure on the tank, Yuma Duty Chief 1 and YFD Hazardous Materials Technicians agreed on an incident action plan that included “flaring” the propane tank. Flaring allows crews to “burn off” the liquid propane as a safe disposal method. This process is completed by YFD personnel through the utilization of a propane flaring kit. YFD crews deployed the flaring kit in the middle of the roadway to avoid nearby hazards. Crews connected the tank and began disposing of the propane product. Hose lines remained deployed in the area for safety and crews continuously provided air quality measurements.

The road closure lasted approximately two and half hours, no injuries were reported.

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