

CITY OF OLEAN

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Press Release

Incident: Hazardous Materials Release with Injury

Address: 101 Main St, Olean. Holiday Inn Express

Date: 12/22/2023

Time: 15:27 to 19:41

Injuries: 1 Civilian

Narrative:

Olean Fire Department units were dispatched to a reported chemical spill at 101 Main Street, the Holiday Inn Express. Upon arrival, crews located one individual near the front entrance in severe distress. The individual was treated on scene and transported to Olean General Hospital by Olean Fire Department EMS.

Fire crews then made entry into the affected area and identified a container actively off-gassing chlorine. Due to the severity of the hazard posed by the chlorine release, the Olean Fire Department Hazardous Materials Team was requested to respond.

As a precautionary measure, the hotel was evacuated, temporarily displacing approximately 10 guests. The Hazardous Materials Team conducted a Level A entry, secured the source of the release, and successfully mitigated the hazard. Following mitigation, the building was thoroughly ventilated and subsequently turned back over to hotel management.

The Olean Fire Department would like to extend its sincere appreciation to our local partners, Napoleon Engineering Services, for providing materials that assisted with this incident, and Believers Chapel Love Thy Neighbor Mobile Response Team, who provided shelter, food, and water to displaced guests.

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