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SAN BRUNO, CALIFORNIA:

On September 9, 2010 at 6:11 PM a 30 inch diameter buried natural gas pipeline operating at a pressure of 400 psia ruptured and burned in a single family home residential area in San Bruno, California. San Bruno is a southern suburb of San Francisco, about 2 miles from the San Francisco airport. The homes near the rupture location each had lot sizes in excess of one acre. San Bruno had the benefit of probably the best available municipal fire fighting capacity in North America.

There was a modest delayed ignition explosion followed by a large natural gas fire that persisted for more than two hours. Secondary fires continued for more than eight further hours. The fire scene was attended by 67 fire trucks, 4 fixed wing aerial water bombers and 1 fire fighting helicopter.

Aerial photographs showing the area that burned were compared to distance calibrated Google maps. In spite of the large amount of immediately available fire fighting equipment almost all the homes (38) within a 150 m radius damage circle were completely destroyed. A further 17 homes were severely damaged and a further 53 homes sustained lesser damage."

So we ask you, where are our aerial water bombers located?

How long would it take 67 fire trucks to respond from across the region?

Thank you
Paul Stevens