



Recent Explosion



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Explosion

Still shot of explosion – Brooklyn Box 3-3 1988 – 12/1/21

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Early this morning an explosion occurred in a private dwelling in Brooklyn; this caused a serious fire to occur. Fortunately, FDNY units **were not on scene** at the time of the explosion. While the cause of this explosion is currently under investigation - this incident provides a good opportunity to discuss FDNY responses to natural gas emergencies. The FDNY has responded to several similar explosions in recent years. Consider the following points:

- **If a strong natural gas odor is present on approach, stop and meter the area.** If the meter displays 10% of the LEL, this may indicate a potentially serious leak and may require treating the incident as a Major Gas Emergency.
- **The apparatus should not be positioned in front of the reported leak location.**
- If the decision is made to evacuate a building keep in mind the blast zone may extend several hundred feet.
- When size up indicates an explosion occurred, i.e., debris in street, consider the structural stability of involved buildings.

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