

Explosion
14710 FM 2756
Farmersville, TX 75442
Incident # 21082547
Date: June 28, 2021

SUMMARY:

On June 28, 2021 at approximately 15:37 hours I was notified and responded to a gas explosion located at 14710 FM 2756 Farmersville, Texas in unincorporated Collin County. It was reported that four people were injured with two being critical.

Farmersville, Princeton, Nevada Fire Departments, AMR Ambulance Service, Collin County Sheriff Deputies also responded to the scene.



Figure 1. Incident Scene

NARRATIVE:

On June 28, 2021 I, Collin County Asst. Fire Marshal Dale Maberry, responded to the scene to assist with the incident where a natural gas line had an explosion.

Once arriving first on scene I made contact with ATMOS employee Roger Ballinger to insure that the scene was safe for all responding units. Ballinger also gave me a size up of what has happened.

After accessing the scene I found two males unconscious and not breathing, one semi-conscious male laying near the south fence, one male walking and confused with facial injuries, one male in shock and sitting alone and two ATMOS employees assisting and providing help.

I asked Ballinger to insure that the scene was safe and no gas would escape in the area, he went and clamped the door shut on the pipe line where they had been working.

When the next arriving units were on scene I gave Farmersville Fire Chief and AMR a size up of what we had while walking Adolfo Ruiz to the ambulance.

After the surviving victim were removed from the scene, I placed tent numbers at items of debris, items of importance and the body location of the workers.

Collin County Deputy Kaiser assisted with securing the scene and getting names of the workers at the site.

I spoke with Ballinger about what was occurring at the time of the explosion. He stated that the ATMOS, Bobcat and FESCO were on site to load a P.I.G. into the pipeline and it appeared that the metal push pipe used to push the P.I.G. into the line was being removed when the explosion occurred. He explained the normal process for this this type of work and the process for flaring of the residual gas in the pipe.

When CID Deputy J. Reim arrived I advised him of what had been done and assisted him as needed.

I contacted task force member Joe Wetzel and asked him to bring a drone for overhead photos of the scene. Photos were taken by Wetzel and he provide them to the sheriff department and our department.

At this time the Sherriff Department would head the investigation, documenting the scene, collection evidence and information.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Weather was 82°F with rain and thunder storms in the area. Wind was out of the SSE.

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