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Acton Fire Department Responds to Potential Hazardous Materials Incident



Members of the Massachusetts District 3 Hazmat Team inspect the load of a garbage truck whose driver began feeling light headed and dizzy on Nagog Park Drive Friday.

(Courtesy Acton Fire Department)

ACTON — Chief Robert Hart reports that the Acton Fire Department and mutual aid partners responded Friday morning to a potential hazardous materials incident on Nagog Park Drive.

On Friday, Jan. 13, at approximately 9 a.m., Acton Fire Department was notified that a garbage truck driver who was picking up trash in the area of 100 Nagog Park Drive began feeling dizzy and light-headed after inspecting his truck's load.

Acton firefighters and Acton Police responded to the scene and declared a Tier 1 hazmat situation, the lowest level on a scale of 5. The Tier 1 hazmat declaration led the Massachusetts Department of Fire Services District 3 Hazmat Response Team to respond as well.

The driver was transported by Acton Fire Department ambulance to a local hospital for evaluation.

Hazmat technicians inspected the truck and its cargo, but found no indications of dangerous levels of hazardous materials. The truck was cleared following inspection and left the area by about 1 p.m.

Off-duty Acton firefighters were called in to cover Acton fire stations and responded to several unrelated calls while the hazmat call was ongoing.

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Acton Firefighters respond to a potential hazmat incident in the area of 100 Nagog Park Drive on Friday morning. (Courtesy Acton Fire Department)

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