

Our Nations One Call System

Keeping our Communities Safe from Disaster



Disaster Strikes

In May 1994 an excavation crew bent a natural gas line leading to a senior citizen complex in my city while removing a buried heating oil tank.

The company left the pipe uncovered and unsupported until damaging it again in early June.

That night, a gap in the gas line caused gas to flow into the complex, triggering two explosions and a fire.

The explosion resulted in one person was killed and 60 others injured.



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On February 11, 2011 a gas pipeline explosion in Allentown killed 5 people and injured 60, leveled 8 homes and fragmented our community.



The fire raged for almost eight hours and was caused by a break in a pipe that was over 80 years old. (No shut off valves)

Elderly Couple home where blast originated did not have gas connection.



We Were Not Alone



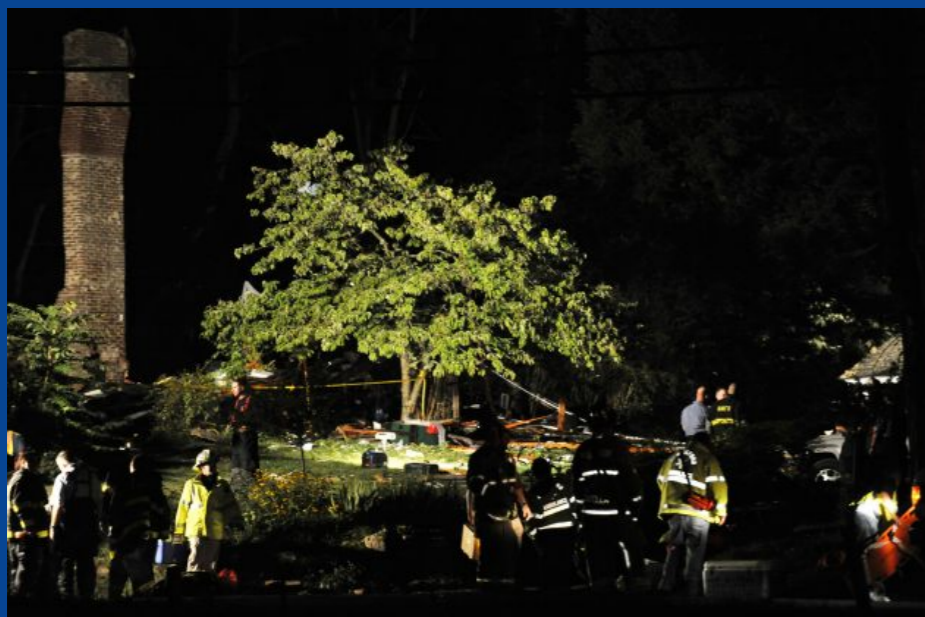
**September 2010:
San Bruno, CA
8 dead, 60 injured
55 homes destroyed**



**January 2011:
Philadelphia, PA
1 dead, 5 injured,
3 buildings destroyed**



August 2012: Brentwood, NY
1 dead
17 wounded



New Milford, CT
1 dead
2 severely injured

**November 2012:
Springfield MA
42 Buildings Damaged
18 Injured**



December 2012:
Sissonville West Virginia
20-inch transmission line destroyed five homes and severely damaged others



February 2012
Kansas City, MO
Leveled a City Block
1 Dead
15 Injured

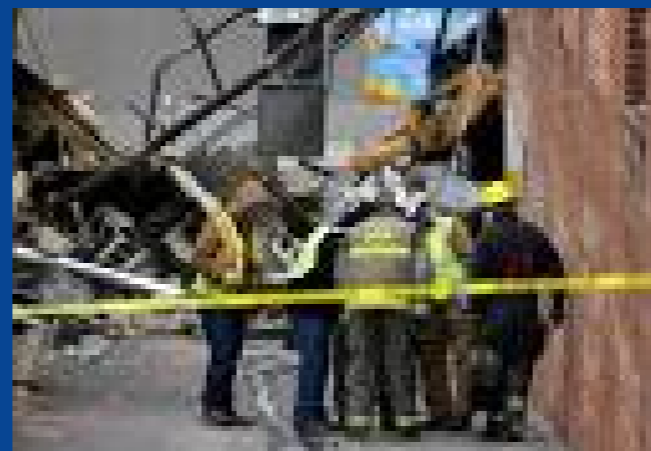


The Human Toll

Between 2010 - 2012

21 died - 145 injured

Hundreds of millions in property loss....



Finding a Solution

Allentown applied for and was granted funding from a US DOT Pipeline Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Technical Assistance Grant to create a Mayors Council on Pipeline Safety (MCPS)

With the help of the USCM...we are creating a national task force on Pipeline Safety to engage Mayors from across the country in a collaborative effort to define and develop pipeline safety protocol specific to our cities.

This new task force will create a framework of procedures and protocol for cities to improve safety through engineering, damage prevention, land use, public education, community awareness, emergency response preparedness and a system of open communications between cities throughout the country.

