

Urgent message for anyone using Propane Gas

A serious incident occurred at a home in Carolina Shores in mid May of which every resident should take note.

A propane tank stored in the garage was observed to be leaking by the homeowner prompting an immediate call to 911. The fire department quickly responded clearing the house of occupants and evacuating the neighboring homes. Donning gas masks they cleared the garage of propane and removed the leaking tank. The tank in question was the “spare” tank for the outdoor grill. It had been recently filled, but apparently the outlet valve was not securely tightened or was faulty.

A hazmat team arrived to secure the situation and permit the home occupants to return to their dwellings.

CAUTION Never store a propane tank in the garage, or in the heated portion of the home. Further, if you use propane for heating or fireplace use, you should periodically have in house connections checked for leakage, or potential leakage.