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On Friday, June 22, 2012, at 4:36 p.m., Portage Department of Public Safety, Fire Division was dispatched to 610 Mall Drive, Spring Manor Apartments, where it was reported there was a gas leak in the building. While replacing a hot water heater, a gas line was accidentally broken. Building staff called 9-1-1 and immediately started evacuation of this senior living building. Upon arrival, Portage firefighters shut off the gas to the building, assisted in the evacuation already in progress, and searched the building for occupants who did not or could not evacuate. Approximately 100 occupants were evacuated for just over one hour, during which time Portage firefighters, building staff, and Pride Care Ambulance paramedics monitored their wellbeing. Occupants were assisted back into the building after the structure was declared safe by Consumers Energy and Portage Fire Division.

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