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KTVU

Man Critically Injured In Oakland Gas-Line Explosion

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A man was critically burned Monday night when a natural-gas line exploded at a duplex in Oakland, a fire battalion chief said.

61-year-old victim was being treated for burns covering 80 percent of his body after the building, located at 87th Avenue and Dowling Street, was rocked just after 8 p.m., Battalion Chief Melinda Drayton said.

The impact caused the second story of the building to collapse and shattered the windows of a neighboring property, she said.

Firefighters originally responded to reports of a structure fire and arrived on scene at 8:04 p.m., Drayton said.

She said they were told three people were trapped in the building, which turned out to be false. Firefighters instead found one occupant in front of the home who had been badly burned and was being treated by neighbors.

Neighbors identified the victim as the resident of the first floor of the duplex, Leon Spencer. Quick action on their part probably helped save Spencer's life.

"I saw Leon's place collapse," said next door neighbor Donna Miles. "And as I opened the door, I just heard 'Donna help me! Donna help me!' It was Leon on fire."

Neighbor Hector Morales helped douse the flames.

"He was screaming for help, so I jumped over my fence," said Morales. "He was in flames down on the ground."

One of the other nearby residents gave Morales a blanket, which he used to help smother the flames.

Spencer was taken to Highland Hospital, where he is in critical condition, Drayton said.

Next door, three adults and one child were displaced because there was so much broken glass and debris, Drayton said. Their building does not appear to have suffered any structural damage, though.

About 25 personnel responded to the fire, which was controlled at about 8:20 p.m., Drayton said. No other injuries were reported.

PG&E quickly responded to the scene, she said.