At about 0540 hours 18 June, reports were received of a ruptured 30 inch natural gas line that resulted in an explosion and fire at Florida Gas Transmission located on Lee Road near Franklinton in Washington Parish. As of 0730 hours, the pipeline was reported shut in on both ends and secure. Although the gas fire itself is out, the nearby trees are still burning.

Command Post has been set up at Plainview Church at LA 1072 and LA 60.

At this time, no injuries or fatalities have been reported.

Washington Parish Sheriff's Office reported 1 trailer was evacuate with 55 people evacuated. No shelters were needed as all evacuees had other places they could stay at.