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PRESS RELEASE

November 25, 2025

Subject: Austintown Township – Fire Chief Update on
Saturday November 22, 2025 Explosion Update

For Release: IMMEDIATELY

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Statement from Chief Schertzer:

"We wanted to update everyone with current information regarding the explosion from Saturday at 850 N. Meridian Rd.

At this time, the investigation remains active and ongoing. Preliminary findings indicate that the incident is likely the result of a natural gas explosion. However, investigators have not yet determined the source of the gas or what may have ignited it.

The structure has been declared uninhabitable until further notice.

We are currently making arrangements for residents of the building to get some personal items and medicinal need. Individuals will each be contacted on when and how they can get their items. This process will begin tomorrow morning. We are using a systematic approach to efficiently retrieve these belongings.

We have new information on patient status of those who were transported to hospitals for treatment.

- 1 Treated and transferred to Cleveland Metro that is in critical condition.
- 1 Treated and admitted that has since been released.
- 1 Treated and admitted that is stable and expected to be released.
- 10 Treated and released from the Emergency Department."