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Subject: City Hall water related emergency call last evening

Mayor and Council,

As you aware, we received a call during our dinner engagement with the University last evening advising us of a water related emergency at City Hall. As I arrived at the site, a significant volume of water was running through the Larcom Police parking garage and there was standing water of approximately 1 inch in the basement of Larcom. Facilities personnel had reported the incident and a Field Operations Supervisor was already on site performing triage. Though we could not get into the property room on the South end of the Larcom Parking garage, the source of the water was in that structure. At first blush, it appeared that the old Larcom service had broken and Field Operations began isolation procedures by operating valves at the curb and in Huron. That did not slow the flow. Ultimately it was determined that the line that was leaking was being backed from the one of the new services off of Ann St. near Fifth that feed both Larcom and the Justice Center buildings.

By approximately 11 PM last evening we had determined that a fire service stand pipe in the property room had split and the fire pumps in the PD/Court facility were reacting appropriately to the call for water. Field staff shut the fire service line down and through 911, PD and FD were notified of the situation.

Both Larcom and the Justice Center have domestic water service available. We are open for business. The fire service to both buildings remains off while we repair the stand pipe or isolate it. Today we will be evaluating damages in the property room and in the basement of Larcom, tending to the repair and debriefing on the event and it's causes.

We will advise you further as information becomes available.

Sue