

DISTRIBUTION AREA: REGION OF THESSALY

3rd PREPAREDNESS DRILL 26 October 2017

«Fire near a Gas Distribution Station»



> PARK AGIOS NIKOLAOS, KARDITSA
(KARDITSA MUNICIPALITY)
THESALLIA





- ➤ The 3rd Preparedness Drill for the year **2017** of **EDA THESSALONIKI-THESSALIA** was successfully conducted on **Thursday 26 October 2017** in **Thessalia**. The success was achieved through the contribution of all services involved and of **EDA THESS** staff, along with the Authorities and the competent contractor company.
 - > The purpose of the drill conducted by **EDA THESS** in **Thessalia** was to:
 - test and check the completeness of emergency plans
 - ensure the required cooperation between the competent structures
 - improve coordination, communication and management of information
 - effectively deal with the incident
 - ➤ The drill scenario was developed by the Grid Management and Emergency Intervention Unit and involved a "Fire on a Gas Distribution Station due to a falling burning tree", near the park of Agios Nikolaos in the town of Karditsa.







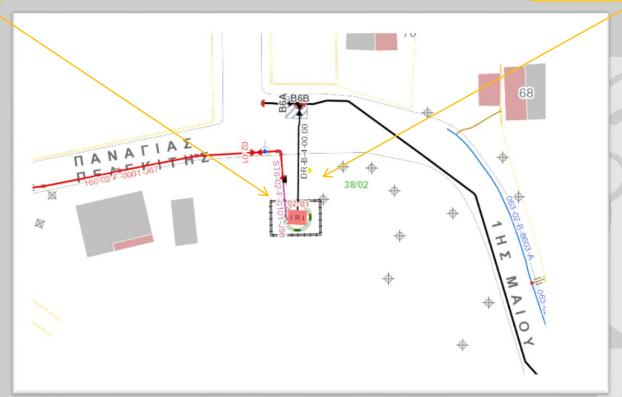
Karditsa - Drill venue

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΙΑΣ Α.Ε.

IRI 19-4

Agios Nikolaos Park











Drill venue

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΙΑΣ Α.Ε.

The drill was launched at 17:36 p.m. when a citizen perceives fire nearby a fenced natural gas distribution station at the park of Agios Nikolaos. He immediately called the Emergency Intervention Call Center of **EDA THESS** to report the incident.

> Citizen calls the Emergency

Call Center



➤ The Call Center is informed of the technician's arrival at the incident venue.









- > Arrival of the On-Call Technician of EDA **THESS** who performed the initial autopsy and secured the surrounding The Operational On-Call Area. Technician is informed about the fire.
- > Due to the fire and the surrounding **smoke,** the access at the gas distribution station was not possible and for safety reasons the technician must shut off the supply of gas by closing the main valve.



Drill venue







The Fire Department and the Hellenic Police immediately arrive at the incident venue.





The Fire Department are attempting to extinguish the fire in the surrounding area of the distribution station.





Drill venue

MAIN VALVE B4

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΙΑΣ Α.Ε.





Drill venue

ΘΕΣΣΑΛΟΝΙΚΗΣ - ΘΕΣΣΑΛΙΑΣ Α.Ε.

Interventions by **EDA THESS** Technicians, in order to shut off the supply of gas by closing the main valve





The Emergency Intervention team of the contractor company arrives with all staff and equipment:

- > JCB excavator with jackhammer
- Welding vehicles for PE pipes, Risers and Steel pipes
- > Crane truck
- ➤ Technicians, drivers, operators, welders and workers with the head of the contractor company











 During rehabilitation and damage restoration, the Gas Distribution Network was decompressed

The Operational On-Call Technician gives permission to open the supply valve, in order to restore the gas supply and also to normalize the pressure of the Gas Distribution Network











- ➤ The drill was completed at **19:50 p.m.**, successfully dealing with the simulated incident.
- ➤ The Drill was conducted in compliance with all relevant procedures and instructions, while all necessary preventive actions were taken and inspections were made to the gas distribution system.



