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TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

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Update on Abington Township Response to Major Fire and Explosion at SPS Technologies

ABINGTON, PA: As of February 18, 2025 at 8:00 PM, the fire at SPS Technologies located at 301 Highland Avenue remains active and investigations are ongoing. Emergency personnel continue to work around the clock to ensure public safety.

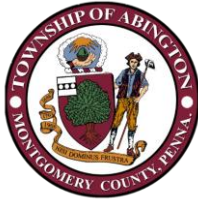
The **shelter-in-place for residents and businesses within a one (1) - mile radius remains in effect. All residents are asked to continue to avoid the area.** The shelter in place zone map can be viewed at www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSshelterinplacezone.

The **evacuation recommendation remains in effect.** A map of the evacuation area can be viewed at www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSevacuationzone. The evacuation shelter in the gymnasium at Cheltenham High School located at 500 Rices Mill Rd, Wyncote, PA 19095 will remain open through the night.

At the direction of the Abington Township Emergency Operations Center and Jenkintown Emergency Management, Abington School District, Jenkintown School District, and Cheltenham School District will be closed tomorrow, Wednesday, February 19, 2025.

The air quality continues to be monitored by the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is on-site, working with local hazmat teams to monitor air quality, water runoff, and hazardous materials for public health risks and performing water sampling. Thus far, no threats to public health or safety have been detected.

This is a large emergency response with many responding agencies, fire companies and police departments. We thank all of our federal, state, county and municipal partners for their mutual aid and assistance. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our residents and business community and your outpouring of support.



Updates regarding the shelter-in-place recommendation and the status of the fire will be provided at the Township website at www.abingtonpa.gov, on Township social media on Facebook and Instagram @AbingtonTownship and on X @AbingtonPA. Any change to the shelter-in-place or evacuation recommendation will be communicated through the Ready Montco alert system to those within the affected zones. **The next update will be provided tomorrow morning, February 19, unless there is a significant change.** A press conference for media only will be held at 10 AM at the Abington Township Municipal Building located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001. This is not open to the public. The press conference will be filmed and posted to Township outlets.