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Abington Township Thanks First Responders for Heroic Efforts on SPS Technologies Fire

ABINGTON, PA: Abington Township would like to extend its **deepest gratitude** to the courageous emergency responders who tirelessly battled the SPS Technologies fire for **114 consecutive hours** beginning February 17 and ending February 22, 2025, at 3:53 PM.

This unprecedented fire required an extensive and around-the-clock emergency response; a response that demonstrated the extraordinary courage, strength, professionalism, training, capabilities, and commitment to service of our first responders at the local, county, state and federal levels. Their relentless efforts and dedication ensured the safety of our and surrounding communities and minimized the damage caused by this devastating incident.

We recognize the sacrifices made by these responders, including long hours, extreme conditions, and the risks they faced to protect lives and property. We would also like to acknowledge their families and their sacrifice, strength, and support throughout the entire incident.

The following agencies include those who initially responded to the incident or as part of mutual aid. It is not in any particular order. This list may not be all inclusive as the response was enormous and we apologize in advance if any responding agency is not listed herein. We thank and acknowledge all of your members for your immeasurable contributions to this effort:

Fire
Weldon Fire Company
Abington Fire Company
McKinley Fire Company
Edge Hill Fire Company
Roslyn Fire Company
Jenkintown Fire Department
Rockledge Volunteer Fire Company
Oreland Volunteer Fire Company
Glenside Fire Company
Horsham Fire Company

LaMott Fire Company
Elkins Park Fire Company
Cheltenham Fire Company
Flourtown Fire Company
Wissahickon Fire Company
Colmar Fire Company
Merck & Company Emergency Services
Fairmount Fire Company
Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company
Montgomery Township Department of Fire Services
Fetters Mill Fire Rescue
Penn Wynne – Overbrook Hills Fire Company
Bryn Mawr Fire Company
Gladwyn Fire Company
Merion Fire Company of Ardmore
Norristown Fire Department
Barren Hill Volunteer Fire Company
Centre Square Fire Company
Upper Moreland Township Fire Department
East Greenville Fire Company
North Penn Goodwill Services
Plymouth Fire Company
Harmonville Fire Company
Spring Mill Fire Company
Jefferson Fire Company
Limerick Fire Department
Lower Providence Fire Department
Bridgeport Fire Department
Conshohocken Fire Services
Upper Merion Township Fire & EMS Department
Norriton Fire Engine Company
North Penn Volunteer Fire Company
Perkiomen Township Fire Company
Gilbertsville Fire and Rescue Company
Township of Upper Providence Department of Fire and Emergency Services
Pottstown Fire Department
Telford Volunteer Fire Company
Upper Salford Volunteer Fire Company
Wyndmoor Hose Company
Worcester Volunteer Fire Department

Skippack Fire Company
Fort Washington Fire Company
Harleysville Community Fire Company
Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro
Royersford Fire Department
Paoli Fire Company
West Whiteland Fire Company
Phoenixville Fire Department
Southampton Fire Company
Warrington Fire Company
Nottingham Fire Company
Warminster Fire Company
Warminster Fire Company
Radnor Fire Company
Oakmont Fire Company
Marcus Hook Industrial Complex Fire Department
Good Will Fire Company #1 of Trexlertown

Law Enforcement
Abington Police Department
Cheltenham Police Department
Montgomery County Sheriff's Department
Lower Moreland Police Department
Springfield Police Department
Whitemarsh Police Department
Jenkintown Police Department
Lower Merion Police Department
Upper Moreland Police Department
Hatboro Police Department
Horsham Police Department
Upper Dublin Police Department
Conshohocken Police Department
Ambler Police Department
Plymouth Police Department
Whitpain Police Department
Montgomery Township Police Department
East Norriton Police Department
Norristown Police Department
Upper Merion Police Department
West Norriton Police Department

Emergency Medical Services

Second Alarmer's Association and Rescue Squad
Cheltenham Township Emergency Medical Services
Montgomery County Department of Public Safety
Plymouth Community Ambulance Association
Narberth Ambulance
Whitemarsh Community Ambulance Association
Fetters Mill Fire Company Ambulance
Lower Providence Emergency Medical Service
Goodwill Ambulance
Skippack Emergency Medical Services
Volunteer Medical Service Corps of Lansdale
Community Ambulance Association of Ambler
Horsham Fire Company Ambulance
Upper Merion Township Fire & EMS Department
Freedom Valley Medical Rescue
Warrington Community Ambulance Corps
Central Bucks EMS

Additional Support

Cheltenham Township Fire Marshal & Emergency Management
Upper Providence Emergency. Management
Upper Gwynedd Fire Marshal
Lower Moreland Township Fire Marshal
Whitpain Township Fire Marshal
Incident Support Team
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives
Montgomery County HazMat
Montgomery County Department of Public Safety
Montgomery County Emergency Communications
Bucks County HazMat
Chester County HazMat
Delaware County HazMat
Eastern Montgomery County Emergency Management Group
Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
United States Environmental Protection Agency

We also extend our gratitude to all supporting personnel, volunteers, businesses and community members who provided assistance throughout this crisis. Their unwavering support played a crucial role in the response.

As we move forward, Abington Township remains committed to supporting emergency responders and ensuring that our community is prepared for future challenges. This event has reinforced the importance of collaboration, preparedness, and the heroic dedication of those who serve on the front lines.

Once again, we thank all the emergency responders for their selfless service and commitment to protecting our community.

A video with the agencies and the radio message placing the fire under control by Deputy Chief Jon Gerhard of the Weldon Fire Company can be viewed at https://abingtonpa.viebit.com/watch?hash=6m3CtlVhuIqabMHT.

SPS Technologies has created an informational website for the incident at www.spsupdates.com and has established a community hotline for questions, comments, or concerns. Residents can call 215-572-3326 or email contactSPS@pccairframe.com. Abington Township has created **www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSupdates** for information and frequently asked questions. We will continue to update this page throughout recovery and remediation at the site and post information on Township social media on Facebook and Instagram @AbingtonTownship and on X @AbingtonPA.

Please sign up for notifications about emergencies, disasters, and community information through Ready Montco Alert System at readymontco.org.

For media inquiries, please contact Ashley McIlvaine, Assistant Township Manager, at amcilvaine@abingtonpa.gov or 267-536-1004.