



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Greenfield Township – Multi-gas Hazardous Material Monitoring Equipment Placed in Service**

Greenfield Twp, PA 7/23/07 - The Greenfield Township Board of Supervisors announced today that the Greenfield Volunteer Fire Department has placed five Multi-gas monitors in service. Greenfield Township Fire Company Haz Mat Coordinator Bruce Evans Jr., reported to the Township Supervisors that the monitoring equipment has been received, all officers trained in its use, and the equipment officially placed in service. Additional training for the Township and mutual aid firefighters is scheduled for later in the month.

The equipment was part of a federal grant provided by the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP), which is administered by the Department of Homeland Security. As part of the grant package, Fire Fighter Evans traveled to Huston to be trained, along with roughly 200 other firefighters from around the country. The training included methods for deployment of the meters, which not only monitor for carbon monoxide, flammable gases, and hydrogen sulfide (sewer gas), but also contain sensors that can detect the presence of Volatile Organic Compounds. The meters (five total) is capable of providing information related to the concentration of a suspect gas, while providing alarms when preset hazard levels are reached. Each unit comes with a carrying case, rechargeable and conventional battery packages pick-up wands for monitoring below grade and calibration kits to maintain accuracy.

In addition to the routine hazardous material functions applications, the meters will be used to validate the effectiveness of decontamination processing for the County Wide Decon Team. The meters were one of only two such CEDAP grants awarded in the northeastern part of Pennsylvania (i.e., Wayne, Pike, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, and Wyoming Counties), as part of the 2006 CEDAP Grant Program. The other was for a Thermal Imaging Camera awarded to the Greenfield Township Police Department.

Township Supervisor Bruce Evans noted that the success of both the Fire Company and the Police Department in this grant program was a direct reflection of the dedication that both police and firefighters have shown to the citizens of Greenfield Township. Further, Supervisor Evans noted, that part of the Fire Company's success in this grant program stems from their continued dedication to certification of their members. To date, Greenfield Township firefighters hold a number of certifications including: Emergency Medical Technician Basic and Paramedic, Driver Operator - Pumper and Tanker, Fire Fighter II, Fire Officer III, Fire Instructor III, Certified Fire Protection Specialist, Hazardous Materials Responder - Awareness, Operations, and Technician Levels; Fire Inspector II, Rescue Technician – Vehicle, Machinery, Confined Space, Trench, and Collapse; Incident Safety and Health and Safety Officer Certifications.

