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## ***IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

### **Fire Damages Mobile Home**

**LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (October 4, 2012)** – A mobile home in the Trooper section of the Township suffered extensive damage in a fire Wednesday night.

Montgomery County Emergency Dispatch Services dispatched Lower Providence Township Police, Fire and EMS to a building fire on Ivy Circle in the Sunnyside Mobile Home Park at 11:59 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 3. Police arrived on Ivy Circle to find residents attempting to extinguish trees on fire with a garden hose. The fire was originating from a manufactured home on Devon Drive, an adjoining road in the Trooper Mobile Home Park.

There was initial concern that the home was still occupied by the homeowner and his canine. Police interviews with neighbors determined that the owner had been seen leaving earlier in the evening with his dog.

Lower Providence Township Volunteer Fire Company under the command of Deputy Fire Chief James Alexander, with the assistance of volunteers from Skippack and Jefferson Fire Companies, extinguished the fire. Chief Alexander reported the fire under control at 12:33 a.m. and all units cleared at 2:15 a.m. Lower Providence Ambulance was on scene for medical support. There were no injuries reported.

Lower Providence Township Fire Marshal Charles DeFrancesco reported that the home and its contents received extensive fire, water and smoke damage and will be condemned by the Township's Code Department.

The Fire Marshal and Pennsylvania State Police Fire Investigation Unit initiated an origin of cause investigation of the home Thursday morning. The investigation is incomplete and investigators have not had contact with the homeowner, William Wilson, since the fire. Anyone with information on the whereabouts of Wilson and his canine, a black Newfoundland, is asked to contact the Lower Providence Township Police at 610-539-5901.

#### **UPDATE 10/4 @ 1:00 p.m:**

Mr. Wilson has been located and has contacted the police. The investigation is continuing.