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LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*July 14, 2008*) – At 8:30 p.m. Monday Lower Providence Township Ambulance, Police, and Fire Company were dispatched to the 1000 block of Windsor Drive following a report of 5 people overcome by an airborne chemical.

Once on scene, crews found three people complaining of mild difficulty breathing and nausea. They were treated at the scene. The first-in ambulance crew also experienced the same symptoms.

The Montgomery County Department of Public Safety and the Montgomery County Hazmat Unit were requested and responded. An investigation determined that a farmer was treating 5 adjoining acres with Browseband, a chemical similar to pepper spray used as a deer repellent, and Lambda-T, an insecticide. The two had been combined and sprayed.

Lower Providence Township notified 29 residents in the area of the incident through its Emergency Notification System. The residents were advised to shelter in place and to await further instructions.

The Hazmat Unit completed its perimeter testing at 10:45 p.m., which proved negative for any volatile substances. According to the unit, neither chemical that was sprayed is toxic, but both can be irritants. If residents experience tingling or numbness on their skin, they are advised to call 911 or seek medical attention. Residents also were advised to ventilate their homes.

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