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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Fire Heavily Damages Home

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (*February 10, 2011*) – A fire early Thursday morning heavily damaged a home on East Mount Kirk in the Eagleville section of Lower Providence Township.

The fire at 37 East Mount Kirk was reported at 7:50 a.m. and was brought under control at 8:59 a.m. Some 55 firefighters battled the blaze. Responding companies included Lower Providence, Collegetown, Jeffersonville, King of Prussia and Worcester. During the incident, Perkiomen Fire Company, serving in a stand-by capacity, handled a fire alarm call elsewhere in the township.

At the time of the fire, the home was occupied by two adult females, one adult male, three dogs and eight cats. The homeowner woke up to find flames in her kitchen and alerted the adult male, who unsuccessfully attempted to drag a sofa that was on fire from the home. The three adults and dogs fled the house.

Fire crews arrived to find a two-story wooden addition to the home engulfed in flames. The fire spread to the roof of the main house. The home received heavy fire, smoke and water damage. The two females were taken to the hospital by Plymouth Community Ambulance for treatment of smoke inhalation. The Red Cross provided temporary housing services for the fire victims and the Perkiomenville SPCA assisted with the pets.

Additional assistance at the scene was provided by the Lower Providence Ambulance, Lower Providence Fire Police, Lower Providence Township Police, and Lower Providence Township Public Works. Liberty Thrift of Collegetown donated clothing for the victims.

A joint investigation by Lower Providence Township Fire Marshals, Montgomery County Detectives and PA State Police determined the origin to be on, or near, a sofa in the kitchen. The cause is undetermined.

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