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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cause of Fire Not Suspicious, But Remains Undetermined

LOWER PROVIDENCE TOWNSHIP (March 15, 2017) – The cause of a fire that heavily damaged a home in the unit block of Level Road remains undetermined, but is not suspicious in nature, according to an investigation completed by Lower Providence Township Fire Marshal Charles DeFrancesco. The area of origin was determined to be in the third floor attic near the chimney. Assisting with the investigation were the Montgomery County Detective's Fire/Arson Unit, the Lower Providence Volunteer Fire Company and the Lower Providence Township Codes Department.

The fire was discovered on Sunday at 2:23 p.m. by a passing motorist who observed flames on the roof line and notified the home's occupants.

Fire apparatus and personnel from Lower Providence, Colledgeville, Skippack, Norriton, Jefferson, Black Road, Norristown, King of Prussia and Trappe Fire Companies and EMS from Lower Providence and Goodwill of Royersford, responded. It took over an hour and half to bring the fire under control. Two fire fighters were temporarily confined to the third floor when a stairwell they had just climbed was breached. Assisting fire fighters were quickly able to help them to safety. There were no injuries sustained to the occupants or fire fighters.

The home was heavily damaged by fire, smoke and water. It was deemed unsafe and posted accordingly by the Township's Building Code Official. The occupants were able to stay at another residence on the property. This property also houses a business, K-9 Design and Pet Paradise, which was not directly affected by the fire and remains open for business.

Photo Credit: Lower Providence Fire Company

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