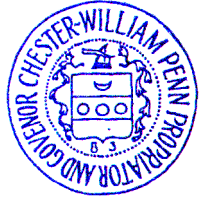




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Hazardous Materials Response in Downingtown Borough

Downingtown, PA – At 10:07 AM the Downingtown Fire Department (DFD) was dispatched to 415 Boot Road, Downingtown, PA for the report of a hazardous materials incident which prompted a response from the surrounding fire departments and the Chester County Department of Emergency Services Hazardous Materials Response Team.

The initial report indicated that there was approximately 300-500 gallons of a hazardous material spilled inside the facility. Emergency responders observed a small vapor cloud coming from the facility that dissipated shortly after their arrival. Incident command requested that a shelter-in-place recommendation be sent out via a reverse-9-1-1 to a one-mile radius around the facility as a precaution to protect the surrounding community. This shelter-in-place recommendation was lifted at 11:30 AM after it was determined that there was no threat to the public.

There was a facility with children inside located within the one-mile radius surrounding the incident, and the children were quickly evacuated to a safe location nearby and their parents were notified.

Shortly after 2:00 PM, the incident was placed under control. The Chester County Department of Emergency Services Hazardous Materials Response Team determined that the hazardous materials spilled were a mixture of Nitric Acid and Phosphoric Acid.

Recovery and clean-up operations will be determined by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) in conjunction with the property owner.

Emergency apparatus from throughout Chester County assisted in the response to this incident.

Additional inquiries can be sent to Jack Law, Downingtown Borough, via phone or email at the following contact information.

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