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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

FIVE VEHICLES DAMAGED IN RESIDENTIAL FIRE

Members of the Perseverance Fire Company of Souderton, the Hatfield Fire Company, and the Franconia Township Police Department responded to a fire that severely damaged five vehicles and a home at 4:30 a.m. today.

The first units to arrive found five personal vehicles engulfed in flames in the driveway at the Burkhart residence at 110 Leslie Lane. Heat from the fire also caused minor damage to the exterior of the home. The Burkhart family was able to safely leave the home.

A crew from the Souderton Community Ambulance also responded to the scene. No injuries were reported.

After the blaze was extinguished by firefighters, an investigation was begun by the township fire marshal, the State Police Fire Marshal's Office, the Montgomery County Detective's Office, and investigators from the police department.

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