

NEWS RELEASE

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WEEKEND WEATHER-RELATED INCIDENTS

As a result of the icy precipitation that fell in the area over the weekend of December 16th, 2007, the Franconia Township Police Department responded to more than twelve reports of downed wires, numerous reports of downed trees, and scattered power outages.

Godshall Road between Indian Creek Road and Harleysville Pike was closed for six hours while wires that fell on the roadway were being replaced. Harleysville Pike at Godshall Road was also closed for approximately one hour due to a downed wire.

On Sunday, December 16th, numerous Franconia Township residents lost power to their homes. Most of the affected homes were in the areas near Leidy Road and Hatfield-Souderton Pike.

The Montgomery County Emergency Management Agency participated with township officials in the activation of the township's emergency management plan. The Red Cross and the Souderton Fire Company set up a shelter at the fire station on North Second Street for those that need assistance and shelter. However, most power outages were restored by crews from Pennsylvania Power and Light by the evening hours.

The Franconia Township Highway Department, the Souderton Borough Highway Department, Souderton Fire Company and Fire Police, and the Telford Volunteer Fire Company and Fire Police provided assistance during the storm.

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