



Lower Providence Fire Department

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For Immediate Release

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Re: Large Brush Fire & RT 422 Lane Closure

Audubon, PA — Just before 5:00pm on Thursday March 13, 2025, Station 53 (Lower Providence Fire Department) was dispatched to the Betzwood area in the Audubon Section of Lower Providence Township, Montgomery County, PA for a report of a brush fire in the area of Nester Drive.

The fire, fueled by dry conditions and strong winds, rapidly spread through the wooded area. At the time of this release the initial estimated area that was consumed by the fire is 15 acres. Firefighters from multiple fire departments from Montgomery, Chester, Bucks, and Berks Counties worked tirelessly to contain the blaze, deploying a variety of resources to suppress the flames and protect nearby residences and properties. Due to heavy smoke conditions and access issues EB RT 422 was required to be closed for public and responder safety as crews shuttled water to the scene and needed to access this area via the highway.

Chief James Lentz of the Lower Providence Fire Department praised the swift and coordinated response of all agencies involved, stating, "Our firefighters demonstrated exceptional dedication and professionalism while combating this rapidly spreading fire. Thanks to their efforts, we have successfully contained the fire and prevented it from reaching residential areas."

No injuries have been reported at this time, and the cause of the fire is currently under investigation. Residents are urged to remain vigilant and report any signs of fire to emergency services. Residents may continue to see residual smoke in the area. DCNR District 17 Fire Wardens and National Park Firefighters are still on scene monitoring the situation. Residents may hear chain saws and trees falling today as these crews work to extinguish hot spots and fire located in dry and dead trees.

Chief Lentz also emphasized the importance of fire safety during dry weather conditions, advising the community to avoid outdoor burning and properly dispose of flammable materials.

The Lower Providence Fire Dept would like to thank the community for their cooperation and support during this challenging event. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available.

Any questions for concerns about this incident can be directed to Chief James Lentz at Chief@lpfire.com

James Lentz, Fire Chief
