



January, 2009

Dear Chadds Ford Property Owner:

I am writing to ask your help. Please take the time to read through this entire letter and respond as requested. The safety of you and your family is our primary concern.

Over the past several years Chadds Ford Township, like many other communities in the post 9/11 era, has spent a great deal of time and effort on improving emergency preparedness. In 2008 we published a completely new Emergency Operations Plan in accordance with FEMA's National Incident Management System guidelines. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and the Delaware County office of Emergency Services have been working with Chadds Ford to improve our planning and response readiness through enhanced training and deployment of several new initiatives including One Plan, Safe Schools and RSAN, to name a few.

One of our greatest concerns is reaching every resident during an emergency whether it is a natural disaster or a man-made incident, especially if the response is to evacuate a neighborhood, shelter-in-place or require a lock down. Using the Township website is the easiest means but not everyone has Internet access and many times there are power failures or downed utility lines. There is also an inherent delay in receiving information if you are not online continuously. The Township and the County are collaborating on using a variety of tools which make emergency notification more timely.

First, we need your phone number, e-mail address and cell phone number(s) so that we may contact you. In an emergency, we want to send distributed voice messages to home and cell phones plus text messages and e-mails. The information you provide will be stored on a Township computer and we will only be using the information to contact you for official township business. We will not sell, give away or disclose your personal information. In accordance with Pennsylvania's New Right to Know Law, Act 3 of 2008, §708(b)6(i)(A) this information is exempt from disclosure.

We ask that you fill out the stub at the end of this letter and return it with your tax payment. The same information should also be filled out on the tax bill itself in the spaces provided. Most important will be your e-mail address so that we may follow up with additional Township bulletins.

If your mortgage provider pays your real estate taxes for you, please fill out the information on the tax bill before you forward to your bank. Please fill out the stub at the end of this letter and mail it separately to the Township. If you rent out this property, please forward this letter to your tenant.

Second, the County has made available a tool for sending alerts to every subscriber via e-mail, text messaging on your cell phone (SMS) or alpha-numeric paging service.

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This service, DELCO ALERTS is more fully explained in a brochure from Delaware County. We ask that you go to the Township website, www.ChaddsFordPA.net and click on Emergency Management. On the right is a link for the Community Alert System Brochure. The brochure will explain the County's alerting system and how you can sign up for this FREE and very valuable tool. You can customize the alerts to your liking receiving only the most relevant Township related warnings or a broad array of traffic, weather and county wide alerts. You will also find a direct link to the Delco Alerts website on our Emergency Management page.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When you register at Delco Alerts, you will pick a group called Chadds Ford Township. You will need the following password: *Brandywine* Please note that it is case sensitive.

If you do not have Internet access, you may pickup a copy of the Delco Alerts brochure from the Township building and you may subscribe via any public access computer such as at Rachel Kohl Community Library. **We are encouraging every resident to sign up for Delco Alerts!**

This will be a slow process for the township but we ask your indulgence and cooperation. Our goal is to help provide for your safety and improve communications. Thank you in advance for your support.

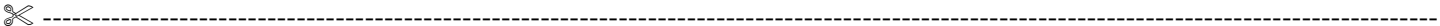
Sincerely,
CFT Emergency Preparedness Committee

/S/

Joe Barakat
Chairman

PS. FOR YOUR SAFETY, EVERY HOME SHOULD ALWAYS KEEP AT LEAST ONE CORDED PHONE CONNECTED THAT DOESN'T REQUIRE AC OR BATTERIES.

PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION HERE AND ON YOUR TAX BILL & RETURN



Property Owner's Name _____ Tax Folio # 40000_____ (insert the last 5 digits from your tax bill)

TENANT NAME: _____ (if rented)

Home Phone1 _____ Email1 _____ Cell Phone1 _____ Cellular* Provider _____

Home or Phone2 _____ Email2 _____ Cell Phone2 _____ Cellular* Provider _____

*AT&T, Cingular, Sprint, T-Mobile, Verizon Wireless, etc. This is needed for proper SMS delivery.