EMERGENCY RESPONSE - Accidents like this gasoline spill in October, 1990 bring out the best in local emergency crews. But

there is no formal plan on how to deal with toxic spills and other now common events. (Post file photo)

# **Emergency**

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This is the third such accident within the past two years on this stretch of Route 29 involving heavy trucks, according to Jackson Township fire chief and emergency management director Rollie Evans.

Another tractor-trailer rolled over earlier this year and a triaxle (40-ton) dump truck met a similar fate last year, Evans said.

"There are many unwritten rules, things that emergency personnel are already doing," said Dallas firefighter Ted Wright, a statecertified firefighting and hazardous materials instructor.

"But we really need formal contingency plans, especially for accidents involving hazardous materials. For example, Route 29 was shut down for 20 hours last Thursday - could you imagine that on Route 309?"

Although state and federal responders" (police, firefighters, ambulance personnel and road crews) to have hazardous materials (HAZMAT) training, many have course in recognition and chief Jerry Leedock. identification of these materials, Wright said.

He knows of only two fire companies, Shavertown and Kunkle, where firefighters have passed the 16-24 hour course in HAZMAT operations training. Wright taught it to them.

Two Dallas Township patrolmen, Brian Feeney and Doug Higgins, have also passed this course.

Many area fire companies usually call in Luzerne County Emergency Management (EMA) for technical assistance in hazardous materials incidents, Wright said.

Federal law recognizes 14 classes of hazardous materials, identified by 18 different warning placards which must appear in several designated places on the vehicle transporting them, according to the Pennsylvania Commercial Driver's Manual.

However, vehicles carrying less than 1,000 lbs. of these materials generally aren't required to post

And vehicles carrying hazardous regulations require all "first materials, with the exception of propane tankers, which aren't allowed through tunnels, can generally take any route that their (HAZMAT) training, many have drivers choose, according to taken only the basic four-hour Jackson Township assistant police

"The local governments and fire companies should develop formal basic procedures which will not only help personnel at the scene, book for the area, but the members number of trucks through the area.

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the cleanup and materials," Wright our minds.

Box agrees. Hazardous materials corridor are difficult to bypass. accidents aren't ususally included in municipal emergency plans, which are written more for dealing plant on Hillside Road in late with another flood in the valley or a serious accident at the nuclear ups occurred. The only way around power plant in Berwick, Box said.

management Hill. subcommitte should address these issues," Box said. "The lessons from lines on top of Bunker Hill and the our last three incidents should tell underground transcontinental us to be prepared for more."

relations coordinator for the hazards. Pennsylvania department of subcommittee meetings.

"At the initial meeting, the Miers believes. committee members indicated that And Wright foresees more they didn't feel that they needed accidents involving hazardous it," she said. "I gave them copies of materials as the Cross-Valley Penn-DOT's emergency detour Expressway brings an increasing but also determine who will pay for weren't interested in much else."

Although the Back Mountain has said. "We should sit down and many side roads which can be discuss this while it's still fresh in used for detours, Dallas Township police chief Carl Miers said that Kingston Township manager Jeff several areas of the Route 309-415

For example, when a chlorine leak occurred at the water filtration October, 1991, massive traffic tie-Route 309 between Hillside Road "I feel that the Traffic and the Luzerne exit ramp is a Management Association's narrow, winding road over Bunker

Miers includes the high-tension natural gas line which snakes underneath several area Faith Ann Liuzzo, community communities on the list of potential

He would like to see the entire Transportation (Penn-DOT), who Back Mountain form an emergency has worked with the incident management committee, to develop management subcommittee, said procedures and pool tools, that hazardous materials incidents equipment and resources. Local haven't been discussed in emergency services agencies already have good working agreements with one another,

"It will only get worse," he said.

## 2 incidents

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Southbound lanes of Route 309 were temporarily shut down until police were sure that there was no danger of explosion, according to Dallas Township Police Chief Carl Miers. No nearby homes or businesses were evacuated.

Dallas Township patrolman Brian Feeney was assisted at the scene by officers from Dallas Borough and Kingston Township, as fire engines, cruisers and a municipal snowplow truck were pressed into service to close the highway.

Less than 24 hours later, a tanker operated by Grant Nuby, 40, of Cincinnati, Ohio and owned by Hazmat Environmental Group, Inc., of Buffalo, NY, overturned on Route 29 near the intersection with Chase Road in the Bonkotown section of Jackson Township.

Jackson Township assistant police chief Jerry Leedock said that the truck was en route from the DuPont plant in Towanda to a hazardous waste disposal plant in Linden, N.J.

Police are investigating whether or not the driver had been assigned a specific route and if he had gone off that route, according to Jackson Township police chief Don Jones. Nuby was cited for careless driving, Jones said.

While cables strung from two heavy-duty wreckers to the tanker prevented it from sliding into the creek, emergency personnel waited nearly seven hours for a truck and crew from Hazmat Environmental Group to come from Buffalo to remove the liquid from the overturned tanker.

"We didn't spill a drop of material during the cleanup," said Dallas firefighter Ted Wright, who helped at the scene.

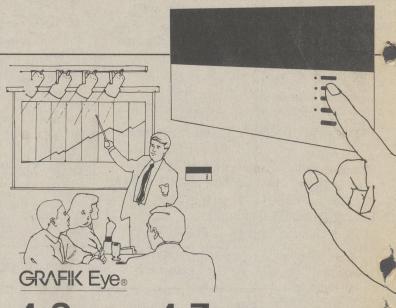
While the truck was being unloaded, residents of 12 nearby homes were evacuated to the Jackson Township fire hall, where the Red Cross served them coffee and sandwiches.

Jackson Township police, fire and ambulance personnel were assisted at the scene by police from Lehman and Plymout townships and Harveys Lake and firefighters from Shavertown, Trucksville and Dallas fire companies.

This section of Route 29 has been the scene of three accidents involving tractor-trailers or triaxle (40-ton) dump trucks within the past two years, Evans said.

## Harveys Lake recycling pickup day change

There will be no recycling at Harveys Lake Borough, Monday, Dec. 14. Monday's recycling will be picked up Tuesday, Dec. 15. Tuesday's recycling will be picked up Wednesday.



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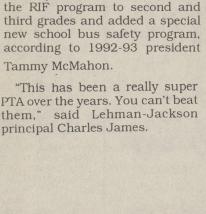
### PTA award Dingle attends Planned (continued from page 1) Parenthood conference and the "Santa's Secret Shop,"

Eric Dingle, Esq., of Trucksville was a voting delegate to Planned Parenthood Federation of America's 76th Annual Conference held October 21-25 in Chicago, Illinois.

Dingle is a member of the board of directors of Planned Parenthood of Northeast Pennsylvania. The third grades and added a special non-profit agency provides family new school bus safety program, planning, counseling and medical services.

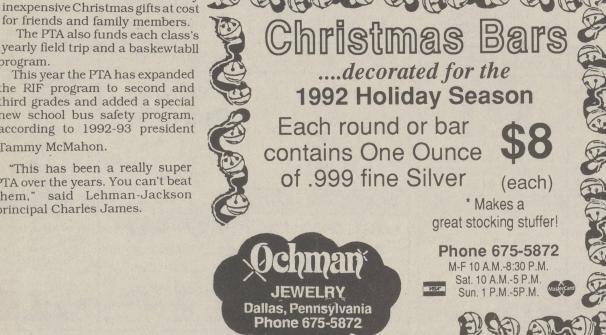


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