



East Brandywine Fire Company

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Dear East Brandywine Township Residents and Business Owners,

As Fire Chief of the East Brandywine Fire Company, I am writing to inform you of an important event that will take place at our firehouse on **Wednesday, March 18**. On this day, our department will be hosting a luncheon for local and out-of-state law enforcement officers and emergency services personnel who will be traveling to our community to honor the life and sacrifice of **Corporal Tim O'Connor of the Pennsylvania State Police**. This event is **private and closed to the public**.

Cpl. O'Connor, a **resident of East Brandywine Township**, was tragically shot and killed in the line of duty on the evening of March 8. His loss has deeply affected our community, and we are committed to supporting the men and women who will be gathering here to pay their respects.

We anticipate several hundred personnel attending this event. After meeting with township officials and local law enforcement, we have determined that the safest and most effective way to accommodate this gathering is to **temporarily close Bondsville Road between Horseshoe Pike and Reeceville Road** to all traffic **except local residents and business owners**. To best support emergency operations within the township, emergency units will be staged on Hopewell Road at Horseshoe Pike. This will necessitate the **temporary closure of Hopewell Rd between Horseshoe Pike and Ferndale Rd**. These closures will be in effect from **11:00 AM to approximately 3:00 PM** on March 18.

To manage the expected volume of vehicles, we will be utilizing the **northbound lane of Bondsville Road for overflow parking**, while the **southbound lane will remain open exclusively for event attendees to access and depart from the firehouse**. Traffic control personnel will be on site to assist with safe and orderly movement throughout the event.

Local residents and business owners will **still have access to their properties** during this temporary closure. However, due to the volume of vehicles and the traffic pattern required for the event, **we may not be able to accommodate deliveries** during this time window. We appreciate your understanding regarding this limitation.

We fully recognize that these temporary restrictions may cause inconvenience, and we want to express our sincere appreciation for your patience, cooperation, and support. Your understanding will help to provide a safe environment for those coming to honor Cpl. O'Connor's service and to stand with his family, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time.



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East Brandywine Township has always been a community that comes together in moments of hardship and remembrance. We thank you for helping uphold that tradition as we honor one of our own.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the firehouse.

With respect and gratitude,

Sergio Ora

Fire Chief

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