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TOWNSHIP OF ABINGTON

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 19, 2025, 6:30 PM

Updated at 7:25 PM*

Abington Township Update on SPS Technologies Incident

ABINGTON, PA: As of February 19, 2025, at 6:30 PM, the fire at SPS Technologies located at 301 Highland Avenue **remains active and investigations are ongoing**. Emergency personnel will continue to work over night to ensure public safety.

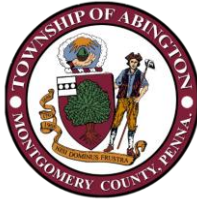
The information within today's 11 AM press release remains in place. The Shelter-In-Place and Evacuation recommendation are lifted. As such, the evacuation shelter at Cheltenham High School has closed and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's (SEPTA) Glenside, Jenkintown, and Noble train stations have reopened.

We are asking all residents to avoid the area. Sections of the SPS Technologies building are structurally compromised and it is an active emergency scene. There is **absolutely no trespassing on the site** for the safety of all the emergency responders and public.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) continues to monitor air quality. Based on the data collected, the monitoring equipment has not detected levels of contaminants of public concern. Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) have conducted an initial sampling of the Tookany Creek; **low levels of chemicals of concern were found in the creek** immediately downstream of the fire. There are no drinking water intakes from Tookany Creek. DEP has re-sampled the creek today and **the results of those tests are not yet available**. Samples taken from the Delaware River did not detect any chemicals of concern. Drinking water supplies are not at risk.

SPS Technologies has established a community hotline for questions, comments or concerns. Residents can call 215-572-3326 or email contactSPS@pccairframe.com. A flyer is included at the end of this release.

Additionally, the DEP is creating a website that will have additional information about their efforts and findings. A link to this website will be added to the Township's website at



www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSupdates as soon as it is available.

More detailed information will be provided at a **press conference scheduled for February 20, 2025, at 12 PM** at the Abington Township Municipal Building located at 1176 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001. The press conference is media only and is not open to the public. The press conference will be filmed and posted to Township outlets. Any updates will be posted at www.abingtonpa.gov/SPSupdates and on Township social media on Facebook and Instagram @AbingtonTownship and on X @AbingtonPA .

Please sign up for notifications about emergencies, disasters, and community information through Ready Montco Alert System at readymontco.org.

*A typo in the SPS email was corrected at 7:25 PM on 2/19/25.

For media inquiries, please contact Ashley McIlvaine, Assistant Township Manager, at amcilvaine@abingtonpa.gov or 267-536-1004.

Please contact us with any questions or concerns on the SPS Technologies Fire

**Call (215) 572-3326 or
Email ContactSPS@pccairframe.com**

To our Community:

A major fire broke out at our fastener manufacturing plant in Abington Township that significantly damaged the facility. Thankfully, our team members working at the time of the fire are safe and well.

We truly appreciate the efforts of the first responders and other authorities who have worked tirelessly to keep everyone safe and to address the fire, as well as the messages of support from the community that we've been a part of for more than 120 years.

We regret the significant impact the fire has had on our neighbors, and we will be reaching out to the community in the days and weeks ahead. If you have questions or concerns, please call the number above and let us know.

We are working to understand the extent of the damage and its impact on our business, as well as our path forward.

