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Press Release

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Dedication of the Delhi Fire Museum

The Delhi Township Fire Museum, located in the fire department headquarters building at 697 Neeb Road, will hold its Grand Opening celebration on Sunday, October 8, 2006. Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. with the dedication ceremony beginning at 1:30 p.m. Following the dedication self-guided and informational tours will be available until 4:00 p.m.

The non profit Delhi Historical Fire Museum Society was formed four years ago to conserve and exhibit the events and artifacts that trace the more than seventy years of the Delhi Township fire department's history. The organization sought donations so that no Township funds would be used in either the creation or the ongoing maintenance of the museum. The project creating the museum began in earnest early last year with the construction of the various displays that are now on exhibit.

Delhi residents formed the foundation of the first fire department in the township in 1935. From that auspicious beginning the department has progressed from volunteers to paid personnel providing both fire protection and emergency medical care. Many of the past and present members of the Delhi Township fire department can be seen in the various photographs on display.

Visitors to the museum will see a glimpse of the fire department from its infancy to what it has become today. This evolution has been captured through the multitude of documents, photos, and other artifacts located within the museum. There is memorabilia of fire fighters, a life like reproduction of Delhi's first Fire Chief and fire fighting equipment from four decades on exhibit. The department's original fire truck, a 1918 Ahrens Fox, is housed in the museum as well as a scale model of the original Neeb Road firehouse. Several other antique fire trucks, courtesy of the Miles Greenwood Society, are also scheduled to be on display during the October 8th celebration.

The fire museum will be dedicated to all community members that selflessly gave themselves to the fire service of the township. Members of the Delhi Historical Fire Museum Society will be on hand during the grand opening to provide additional insight into the history of the fire department and its impact on the community.

Activities that are scheduled to follow the dedication ceremony include demonstrations of extracting victims trapped in automobiles, rappelling techniques, lifting a vehicle through use of an air bag and tours of the fire station. Food and drinks will be provided courtesy of Biggs. Parking will be available at the Senior Citizen Center/Community Building at 647 Neeb Road.

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