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2011 Bradford County Volunteer Emergency Responders Grant Program

Bradford County would like to introduce the 2011 Bradford County Volunteer Emergency Responders Grant Program. The grants are available to all Bradford County Volunteer Fire Departments and Volunteer EMS agencies.

Bradford County understands that emergency responders are experiencing dramatic changes. Our volunteers are presented with constantly increasing call volumes, while their resources continue to be strained. This grant program provides much needed revenue to improve and enhance the capabilities of our volunteer emergency services throughout Bradford County.

This is a competitive grant program. Each submitting Fire Department or EMS agency will be required to submit applications to an appointed grants committee who will select and make recommendations to the Bradford County Commissioners for final approval. The county will award four grants, the top award will not exceed \$10,000, the second will not exceed \$7,500, the third award will not exceed \$5,000 and the fourth award will not exceed \$2,500.

These grants are made possible by the Northern Tier Solid Waste Authority's revenue from the Marcellus Shale drill cuttings disposal. The county receives a \$3.00 a ton share of the proceeds and 25% of those proceeds are dedicated to this program.

Commissioner Mark W. Smith stated "We encourage emergency responders and fire companies across the county to apply for the grant program." He said "as a county this is a great way for us to support our local responders when the impact and demands for services are growing. There is a need for more resources to deal with the issues and we want to do everything we can to help."

Deadline for these applications will be April 25, 2011. Applications are available on the county website, www.bradfordcountypa.org. Any questions please contact Bradford County Safety Director, Gary Wilcox at 570-265-5022.