



# Flood Awareness & Emergency Response

Radnor Township  
Delaware County, PA

# FLOOD AWARENESS & EMERGENCY RESPONSE

On August 13, 2018 a major storm occurred in Radnor Township

On this date many emergencies were declared stressing the emergency service agencies in Radnor and the surrounding areas (water rescues, trees & power outages)

Local businesses and private residences and Township property received damage ranging from low to high!



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RADNOR TOWNSHIP  
ACTIVATES EMERGENCY  
OPERATIONS CENTER AND  
EMERGENCY MANAGER TO  
COORDINATE ALL STORM  
ISSUES



COMMUNITY MEETING  
HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2019  
AT TOWNSHIP BUILDING  
FOR BUSINESS OWNERS  
AND RESIDENTS TO LEARN  
MORE AND HAVE  
DIALOGUE ON  
OUTSTANDING ISSUES



RESOLUTION 2018-85,  
DECLARATION OF  
DISASTER EMERGENCY



PA GOVERNOR TOM WOLF  
RECEIVES LETTER FROM  
RADNOR COMMISSIONER'S  
AND MANAGER ASKING  
FOR ASSISTANCE FOR OUR  
COMMUNITY



DELAWARE COUNTY AND  
STATE HOLD DAMAGE  
WORK SHOPS

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Action plan:



Township Manager activates team to prepare for future flooding incidents



Training, equipment & awareness, key goals established for RPD/Fire/Public Works & community



Radnor Board of Commissioners consider funding options for this initiative



Flood awareness & safety mailer sent to entire Township (2019)



Cable TV show reviews water safety & Radnor Township plans (Radnor 21, 2019)

A photograph showing a dark-colored car partially submerged in floodwaters. A rescuer wearing a red jacket and a helmet is standing in the water next to the car, using a long pole. The background consists of green trees and utility wires.

# WATER RESCUE EQUIPMENT FOR TOWNSHIP

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The following equipment was purchased:

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Eighteen (18) Stearns Search & Rescue Flotation Vests (Large)

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Eighteen (18) Stearns Search & Rescue Flotation Vests (X-Large)

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Eighteen (18) Stearns 1023 90' Ring Buoy Ropes with Bag

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Eighteen (18) Stearns 24" Orange Ring Buoys with Reflective Tape

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Eighteen (18) TFS XL Mesh Turnout Gear Bags

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The above equipment was placed into all the marked and unmarked patrol vehicles, as well as, the Chief's and Lieutenants' vehicles.

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Each vehicle has one (1) large flotation vest, one (1) extra-large flotation vest, one (1) 90' ring buoy rope in a bag and one (1) 24" ring buoy, all contained inside a mesh turnout gear bag.

# WATER RESCUE TRAINING COMPLETED!

Elder Technical Rescue Services Company provided the PA Fish and Boat Commission's "Water Rescue for the First Responder Awareness Level" class, which included a review of the department's water safety equipment and the proper way to deploy the equipment. The training included student manuals and certificates issued by the PA Fish and Boat Commission.

Four (4) classes were held from February 14<sup>th</sup> through March 1, 2019.

Forty-four (44) police officers received the training.

Eight (8) Public Works employees received the training.



Radnor Fire Company & Bryn Mawr Fire Company make presentations to Radnor Board of Commissioners and Township Manager regarding needed water rescue equipment.



Radnor Township Emergency Management applies for grants for water rescue/snow response vehicle



Signage for streets that may flood during rain storms or other disasters involving water (in progress)

FUTURE