

IMMEDIATE PRESS RELEASE

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**SEVERAL BRUSH FIRE PLAGUE LANCASTER COUNTY FIRE SERVICE**

Due to current dry and windy conditions, citizens are asked to hold off on open burning of leaves until conditions improve. As of 1:30 pm this afternoon, County companies are on multiple woods fires. Initial reports are that some, if not all the fires were caused by people burning leaves and the fire spread due to the dry, windy conditions.

Fires this afternoon have been reported in Manor, Conoy and Little Britain Townships. The most serious fire is currently at Pittsburg Hill Rd., Manor Township. Personnel from 5 stations are fighting that fire.

Randall Gockley, County EMA Director is urging citizens to not burn leaves until we get additional rainfall. Also, in some municipalities, you cannot burn leaves so local municipal ordinances must be followed. Depending on the seriousness of the event, the responsible party may be held financially liable for the firefighting costs.

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Gockley can be contacted at 664-1200