

# **BOROUGH OF LEHIGHTON**

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**NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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## **Announcement of Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program funding for the Lehigh Fire Station Construction Project**

The Borough of Lehigh will hold a press release on Friday, January 6, 2012 at 10:00am for the announcement of the release of \$1,750,000 in Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) funding for the construction of a Fire Station. The announcement will take place at the site of construction at 140 South Third Street, Lehigh, PA .

This project will provide an efficient and updated fire station by rehabilitating two older fire stations that are located within the same block. By demolishing three residential homes, that have already been purchased, additional bays will be added through an infill project. This infill project will connect the two older stations, allowing all fire department apparatus to be housed in one common building.

A new fire station will greatly increase the response time of the Lehigh Fire Department. This infill project will allow the Fire Department to provide our current level of service without any interruption. The structure will provide our firefighters with a safe working environment along will provide amenities for full time occupancy. The new fire station will not only provide new apparatus bays but will include many areas to training for the volunteer firefighters.

In addition to the RACP funding, the Borough of Lehigh has allotted tax revenues towards the matching portion of the RACP grant. The Lehigh Fire Company #1 has agreed to turn over two rental properties to the Borough which is required to complete the project.

The Fire Department has a very active Building Committee that has met on a regular basis for over three years to ensure that the taxpayers are going to receive the most efficient and practical Fire Station to protect the Borough and surrounding areas.

The Borough has invited Senator John Yudichak, Former Speaker Keith McCall and State Representative Doyle Heffley to attend the press release. Members of Council, Lehigh Fire Department, Lehigh Fire Company #1 and staff are expected to attend.

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