## <u>NEWS RELEASE</u>

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## Motor Vehicle Accident involving Injuries

Today, January 9, 2007, at 7:09 a.m., the Franconia Police were dispatched to a one car vehicle accident with injuries at Schoolhouse Road and Kulp Road in Franconia Township.

The operator of a black Chevrolet Camero was traveling south on Schoolhouse Road approaching Kulp Road when he lost control and rotated clockwise striking a utility pole, then struck the Pennsylvania Turnpike overpass bridge.

The operator of the Camero, Richard J. Fino, 18, of the 1000 block of Zepp Road in Green Lane, was the sole occupant of the vehicle. He was treated at the scene by Harleysville Area Ambulance and extricated from the vehicle by the Harleysville Fire Company.

Mr. Fino was flown by University of Pennsylvania MedEvac helicopter to Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia for evaluation of his injuries. There is no report at this time on his condition or extent of his injures.

Schoolhouse Road was closed in both directions for several hours due to an investigation and damage to the utility pole.

Lower Salford Township Police and Harleysville Fire Company Fire Police assisted on scene. This accident is still under investigation.