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“Code Blue” Cold Weather Declaration Extension

Norristown, PA (March 4, 2013) - The Montgomery County Commissioners, on the advice of the Montgomery County Department of Public Safety, have decided to extend the Code Blue Cold Weather Emergency for Montgomery County based on a review of forecasts from the National Weather Service.

The Code Blue Declaration has been extended for Montgomery County for the period beginning at 12:00pm on Monday, March 4, 2013 through 12:00pm on Friday, March 8, 2013.

“Spring is coming, but there are still some cold days and nights to get through, and it will be exacerbated this week by possible snow and high winds,” said Josh Shapiro, chairman of the Montgomery County Commissioners. “Thank you to all of our first responders, social workers and volunteers who work so diligently to protect our most vulnerable.”

A Code Blue Cold Weather declaration is made in Montgomery County when winter conditions pose a threat of serious harm or death to individuals without shelter. A Code Blue is called when the combination of air temperature and wind chill is anticipated to be 20°F or less.

For general cold weather information, check the Montgomery County Health Department website:

<http://health.montcopa.org/health/cwp/view,A,3,Q,69175.asp>.