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**Advisory: MEDIC UNIT ADDITIONS AND FIRE
COMPANY CLOSINGS REFLECT
CHANGING SERVICE DEMANDS IN THE
CITY**

Date – Time: Monday, June 21, 2004 at 3:00 PM

**Location: FIRE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
240 Spring Garden Street**

The Philadelphia Fire Department announces today that medic units are being added and fire companies will be closing to reflect the changing service demands in the city and a decrease in the Fire Department's budget. Since Fiscal Year 1990, structure fires have decreased 47% and multiple alarm fires are down 81%. During that same time period, calls for Emergency Medical Services have skyrocketed 80%. The additional medic units will provide the necessary resources to meet the increasing needs of the public for medical service. Other Departmental Units will be deployed to maintain effective Fire Protection Services to the Public.

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