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**Educational Workshop - Emergency Planning & Disaster Preparedness
When Fracking Comes to your Neighborhood**

New unconventional gas development will soon be underway in Penn Township. Protect PT, a community organization working to ensure the safety, security and quality of life from the effects of unconventional gas development in Penn-Trafford and surrounding communities, has developed a four part Educational Training Series that equips residents with the resources and information they need during the different phases of shale gas development in Penn Township.

The second educational workshop, Emergency & Disaster Preparedness, will be held at the **Harrison City Fire Hall in the Harrison Room on August 9, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.** Participants will receive resources from the county's Public Information Officer & Community Outreach Coordinator, Mary Beth Eslary on emergency preparedness. We are hoping that the combined efforts of Protect PT, local fire departments and ambulance services will prepare our community for this new industrial development and give local first responders and residents a forum to discuss how we can work together to prepare for emergencies.

Executive Director, Gillian Graber said, *"This workshop will provide vital information for our community as unconventional gas development begins in Penn Township. This heavy industrial activity brings with it inherent risks and impacts to residents, including hazards such as gas leaks, chemical spills, truck accidents, and explosions/fires. Talking with our first responders will give residents peace of mind in the event that a fracking related emergency occurs."*

This workshop is made possible by a grant from the national organization, *Center for Health, Environment and Justice*. The series of workshops cover air and water quality monitoring, noise monitoring, local and state regulations and emergency preparedness.

"The Center for Health, Environment & Justice feels privileged to have the ability to provide support to Protect PT's efforts. Protect PT is a strong and vital organization in the area and the trainings the grant supports will provide the group with more understanding and abilities to monitor and challenge violation if and when they occur. Local residents are the most qualified environmental police CHEJ knows," said Lois Marie Gibbs, founder of CHEJ.

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