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Chester County Public Safety Training Foundation begins corporate fundraising campaign for Public Safety Training Center

QVC contributes to campaign with first gift of \$100K

EXTON _ The Chester County Public Safety Training Foundation (CCPSTF) has begun a corporate fundraising campaign to raise money for the Chester County Public Safety Training Center.

“The training of our emergency responders is a high priority for everyone in Chester County,” said Gary Smith, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Training Foundation. “Our elected officials in Washington, Harrisburg and West Chester have already contributed to the project.”

The Chester County Commissioners have approved \$10 million in county funds.

On Wednesday, Chester County state senators presented a check for \$1 million on Wednesday for the state-of-the-art project and QVC, Inc. presented the first gift to the fundraising campaign - \$100K, which will be provided in installments of \$25K over the next four years. Chester County State Representatives awarded \$2 million to the project in the Spring of 2007. United States Senator Arlen Specter and Congressman Jim Gerlach worked to secure a pledge of \$3 million in federal funding for the project. The center will train firefighters, police officers, emergency medical personnel and other first-responders in the latest emergency response procedures.

The training center will be located on 70 acres in East Fallowfield and South Coatesville off Route 82 near Newlinville Road. Construction is expected to begin in 2009. The first phase of the project is expected to cost \$19-20 million.

The training facility will include a host of new facilities, from a new “burn building” where firefighters will be able to practice rescue operations, to a “tactical village” where police will practice what to do in a crisis, to classrooms for training in everything from trauma patients to hazardous materials.