

Lower Mayor Thanks Responders to House Explosion

VILLAS – Lower Township Mayor Michael Beck is expressing his gratitude to all who came to the aid of a couple whose home exploded and burned Nov. 7 on East Atlantic Avenue in Villas.

“There were many, many private citizens who responded immediately to the location and helped to remove the two victims from the residence despite the fact the situation was not under control at that time,” said Beck. “Without their help, it is doubtful the two victims would have been removed in time before the house was fully engulfed.”

The mayor said he did not know the names of all the people who assisted at the fire scene. He thanked Lower Township Class II Police Officer Corey Scheid, who was off duty at the time of the explosion, for assisting in the rescue.

“Our hearts and prayers go out to the family,” said Beck.

He thanked Lower Township Rescue Squad, Lower Township police and all the fire companies that responded.

“There were well over 100 first responders at the scene and we want to express our gratitude for their concern and actions,” said Beck.