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Press Release

Road Closure on Macopin Road, March 14, 2008

On Friday, March 14, 2008 starting at 8:00am Macopin Road will be closed from Westbrook Road to Highlander Dr. for both Northbound and Southbound traffic. Vehicles will be detoured to Nosenzo Pond Rd. from either direction. The road closure is due to the funeral of Firefighter Raymond Barrett who passed away while battling a structure fire on Sunday, March 9th. Traffic will be diverted around the area of the Echo Lake Baptist Church due to the presence of a large contingent of mourners and a funeral procession, which will be traveling north on Macopin Road from Pompton Plains.

The closure is expected to last until at least 11:30 am. Detours will be posted and Police personnel will be at key intersections to assist in directing traffic around the area of the funeral. All mourners attending the funeral will be directed to park at Bubbling Springs Recreation area, and busses will be available to transport individuals to and from the funeral services.

Residents of the Highview development will need to utilize Fredericks Drive to enter and exit the development as Relda Avenue will be closed to all vehicular traffic for the duration of the services.

Motorist are cautioned that there will be an increase of pedestrian traffic on Macopin Road from the area of Westbrook Road to Bubbling Springs during the funeral service and Union Valley Road in the area of the Elk's Club after the service as the repast will be held at that location.