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PRESS RELEASE

On Tuesday, June 02, 2009, at 6:04 A.M., Warren County Communications received a 911 call from a neighbor regarding a structure fire at 642 Valley Road in Mansfield Township. Numerous area fire departments, along with Mansfield Police Department and Mansfield Rescue Squad, responded to the scene. The occupants of the residence, an elderly couple and their two sons, were in the house at the time of the fire. Two occupants were removed by firefighters and flown by NorthStar and Atlantic Air medivac helicopters to Saint Barnabas Hospital. Another resident was removed from the basement area, transported to Hackettstown Hospital, and pronounced dead on arrival. The fourth individual vacated the home uninjured. Names are being withheld pending positive identification of the victims and notification of next of kin.

The Mansfield Police Department, Warren County Prosecutor's Office, and the Warren County Fire Marshal are conducting an investigation regarding the cause and origin of the fire.

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