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**PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**January 5, 2018**

<u>Nature of Release:</u> Residential Structure Fire	<u>Date and Time of Incident:</u> January 5, 2018 1:06 AM
<u>Incident Location:</u>	268 Fennel Street Salem Township
<u>Person(s) Involved:</u> <b>Decedent:</b> Jeremy T. Rugh, 22 y/o male Address: 268 Fennel Street Salem Township	
Date and Time of Death: January 5, 2018 at 3:15 AM	
<u>Incident Details:</u> <b>Cause of Death: Pending</b>	
<b>Manner of Death: Pending</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Westmoreland County Coroner, Kenneth A. Bacha, has released the following information on a residential structure fire in Salem Township.</li><li>▪ According to witnesses, a fire began on the first floor of the residence.</li><li>▪ The fire quickly became fully engulfed and the decedent became entrapped within the residence.</li><li>▪ The decedent was unable to escape and succumb to fatal injuries.</li><li>▪ Deputy Coroner Joshua C. Zappone pronounced the decedent dead at the scene.</li><li>▪ An autopsy will be performed by Dr. Cyril H. Wecht and Pathology Associates on January 5, 2018.</li><li>▪ Cause and manner of death will be pending official autopsy and toxicology results.</li><li>▪ Toxicology results will not be available for several weeks.</li><li>▪ A funeral home has not been confirmed at this time.</li><li>▪ The Pennsylvania State Police Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.</li></ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>***No further information is available at this time***</b></p>	