

Firefighters seek control of signals

The Amity Township supervisors plan to ask the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for permission to install sensors on two traffic signals on Route 422.

The sensors would change the signals to green for approaching emergency vehicles when they detected a signal emitted by those vehicles. They were requested by Amity Fire & Rescue and the Monarch Volunteer Fire Company.

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"We feel it's very important that the intersections of 422 at Limekiln Road and also 422 at North Monocacy be equipped with these sensors," Amity Fire & Rescue Chief Mike Zomolsky told the supervisors Wednesday night. "These are very important intersections which are used in 94 percent of our calls, so being able to get through as quick as possible would be a great benefit."

The board told Zomolsky that township Manager Charles Lyon will contact PennDOT and that the township will proceed once approval is received.

Lyon said that the estimated cost to install the sensors is \$15,000 per intersection.

- By Dan Andrews