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NEW PRIORITY SIGNAL CONTROLS AT FIVE INTERSECTIONS

Dublin, OH, January 16, 2004 – Five Dublin intersections were recently equipped with priority signal controls (PSC), a system that will provide Washington Township Fire and EMS trucks priority access at intersections by giving them a temporary green-light.

The intersections that have the new PSC receivers are Avery and Shier Rings, Avery and Route 33 entrance ramp, Avery and Route 33 exit ramp, Avery- Muirfield and Perimeter Drive, Avery- Muirfield and Perimeter Loop, and Avery- Muirfield and Post.

When emergency vehicles equipped with PSC transmitters approach one of these intersections, their signal will be received and activate the light at the intersection, allowing the emergency vehicle to get through as quickly as possible.

PSCs have been shown to make intersections safer for both emergency personnel and civilians by stopping the traffic in all directions before the emergency vehicle approaches. They also promote quicker response times on emergency calls.

The project was a cooperative effort between Washington Township and the City of Dublin, who shared in the cost of purchasing and installing the equipment.

“In the future, we’d like to add PSC equipment to more intersections. As our township population grows, our intersections will be busier and have more complex traffic patterns. PSC equipment will be very helpful to both fire and police in helping us to respond to our calls rapidly while alleviating some of the safety hazards inherent in crossing busy intersections,” said Chief Woo.

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The Washington Township Fire Department provides fire and emergency medical services to residents and organizations for the township’s unincorporated areas and the City of Dublin. The Department’s Bureau of Fire Prevention provides fire inspection services and a variety of ancillary services to residents and businesses including fire safety information, CPR classes, commercial and home fire safety inspections, educational presentations, and speakers for special interest groups.