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All-Stars compete in 42nd Hero Bowl benefiting Delco Hero Fund

Sadly, every year many communities across the country are shaken by the tragic loss of a brave first responder, whether they serve as police officers, firefighters or emergency medical personnel. When that happens, the Delaware County community comes together to support their families and their fellow first responders.

Since 1977, the Hero Scholarship Committee has been raising funds to provide scholarship aid to the children of Delaware County police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since its founding, 35 young people have received scholarships through the Hero Scholarship Fund.

One of the organization's main fundraisers is the Hero Bowl, an all-star football game that includes top athletes from local high schools. This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the Hero Bowl, which will be held 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 31, at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield.

All proceeds from the game benefit the Hero Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$5 dollars. Last year the Hero Bowl raised over \$37,000.00 for the Hero Scholarship Fund.

Delaware County Council joined Criminal Investigation Division Detective Robert Lythgoe, President of the Hero Scholarship Fund in recognizing the dedicated volunteers, coaches and sponsors who make the Hero Bowl a success during the April 25 Council meeting.

"One of the greatest tragedies a community can suffer is the loss of a police officer or emergency responder," said Councilman Michael Culp. "These men and women are police officers, firefighters and emergency responders. But they are also parents, spouses and friends. The Hero Scholarship Fund is one way we can help families in Delaware County who have lost a loved one serving and protecting his or her community. Council is committed to supporting our police and will remember and pay tribute to our fallen heroes."

For information about the Hero Bowl or the Hero Scholarship Fund visit www.delcoherobowl.com, or contact Detective Robert Lythgoe at 610/891-4243 or LythgoeR@co.delaware.pa.us