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Grants for Volunteer Fire Companies Fighting Wildfires Across Pennsylvania

By DCNR

HARRISBURG - In recognition of the service and sacrifice of volunteer firefighters throughout Pennsylvania, the Wolf Administration today announced \$591,975 in new funding to help rural communities guard against the threat of wildfires in the state's forests and other undeveloped areas.

Recently approved local grants include: Monroe - Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company, Pocono Summit, \$10,000; Northampton -

Bushkill Township Volunteer Firemen's Relief Association, Nazareth, \$10,000, Charotin Hose Company Number 1, Catasauqua, \$10,000,

Diamond Fire Company, Walnutport, \$4,500, Lookout Fire Company Number 1 of Pen Argyl, Pen Argyle, \$7,500, Plainfield Township Volunteer Fire Company, Wind Gap, \$10,000, Upper Nazareth Fire Department, Nazareth, \$3,177.

"Weather can be friend or foe in our wildfire prevention and suppression efforts, but DCNR has no stronger ally -- especially during these most difficult times of the pandemic -- than the men and women of the volunteer fire companies serving rural areas and communities

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Agriculture Department Warning: Mislabeled Seeds Received by Mail

By Shannon Powers

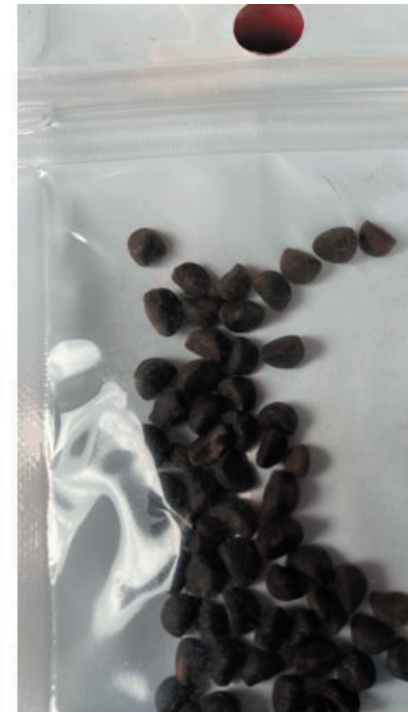
HARRISBURG - Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding today warned consumers to properly discard and report unordered and mislabeled seeds shipped from overseas. Consumers nationwide have received seeds in packages labeled as jewelry. These seeds may contain plant diseases, weeds or invasive plants that could harm Pennsylvania's agriculture industry and ecosystem.

"Seeds sold in Pennsylvania are rigorously tested to ensure that they are genetically pure and regulated to ensure that what's on the label is what's in the package," Secretary Redding said. "Planting seeds without knowing what they are can wreak havoc with our environment, destroy agricultural crops and incur costly control efforts for years to come."

Seeds labelled as jewelry are likely a scam known as "brushing." Companies boost online sales by purchasing their own products through fake buyer accounts created by the company. The products are shipped to a real address, to someone who didn't order the item. The seller writes a positive review of their items from the fake buyer account.

In the past, scammers have sent empty packages.

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**USE-OF-FORCE
TOWN HALL MEETING**
Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m.



Change is Coming

By Art Charlton

WARREN COUNTY N.J. - For the first time in 20 years, the New Jersey Attorney General's Office plans to update the state's "Use of Force" policy. The Hunterdon County Prosecutor's Office, Warren County Prosecutor's Office, and Somerset County Prosecutor's Office are hosting a virtual town hall on Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. to collect ideas and hear what changes the public feels is necessary to make the policy just and fair for all New Jersey residents and visitors. The virtual town hall will include an information session to learn about the current policy followed by multiple opportunities to provide feedback on how you feel the policy should change. This meeting is a chance for all residents to directly provide input to influence changes to the Use-of-Force policy that all New Jersey law enforcement agencies adhere to.

Join the Discussion The virtual Town Hall will be live on Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 p.m. To participate, Go here <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/prosecutor/townhall-useofforce.html> (this link will take you to the link on the Hunterdon County Prosecutor's website).

During the event, the panel will briefly touch on different use-of-force policies to allow for more time for questions, comments, and suggestions from attendees. If you would like to read the full policies ahead of the event, they are listed below:

- New Jersey Use-of-Force Policy
- AG Guidance on Chokeholds and Neck Restraints
- Supplemental Policy on Less Lethal Ammunition
- Approved List of Less Lethal Ammunition
- Supplemental Policy on Conducted Energy Devices To make sure each topic is covered and suggestions are provided, the panel will also be referencing the presentation, which is available below. <https://www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/prosecutor/townhall-useofforce/UOF-Presentation.pdf>

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