

April 2009

Cornwall Borough News

2009 Spring/Summer Newsletter

Office Hours:
Monday-Friday
7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Website:
www.cornwall-pa.com

Items of Interest Borough Council Meeting April 2009

How does the EIT Fiasco affect Cornwall?

Does the Country's Poor Economy affect Cornwall and is Council Planning for it?

What's new regarding H & K's Residential and Hotel/Water Park Development Plan?

Borough Manager



Police Yard Sale



It is time for spring cleaning! While you are cleaning out your closets, attics, basements and garages, think of us! The yard sale benefits our holiday Adopt-A-Family Program and we need your items to sell. So gather up those things you no longer use/need and donate them to a good cause. All items must be in *clean and usable* condition. **NO CLOTHING ITEMS!** The yard sale will be held Friday May 8th & Saturday May 9th with rain dates of May 15th & 16th. Your participation in this event is what makes it a success. We will start collection of donations the week of April 20th. Call Stephanie at 274-2071 to arrange for drop-off. *Thank you for your continued support!*

Borough Council

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Paul Vranesic
Donald Moyer
Steve Lazorcik
Forrest Dishong
Raymond Fratini
Rob Koehler

Mayor

Eugene "Woody" Wise

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Samuel G. Weiss, Jr.

Engineer

Jeff Steckbeck

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Police Secretary

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Ron Paul
Brian Smith

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Jim Williams

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Jason Schibinger
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Henry Fields
Sandra Schera (Alternate)

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Gerald Boughter

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Bruce Conrad, Chairperson
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Donald Beamesderfer, Secretary
Craig Cook, Asst Secretary
Jeff Marley, Treasurer

Water & Sewer Department

Barbara Henry, Administrator
Mike Rider, Superintendent
Bart Zahurak, Water Maintenance

Solicitor

Samuel G. Weiss, Jr.

Engineer

Jon Beers

BOROUGH ORDINANCES

Responsibility for enforcement of Borough Ordinances, with the exception of zoning and Board of Health issues, rests with the Police Department. Listed below is a summary of those Borough Ordinances resulting in the most inquiries. If you have questions or need additional information about these or any Borough Ordinances, contact the Police Dept.

Burning Regulations

No person, or persons shall set or maintain any fire upon any of the streets, sidewalks, alleys or public grounds in the Borough, or burn or cause to be burned thereon any paper, boxes, rubbish, leaves or other materials or substance of any kind.

Out-of-door fires shall be permitted, upon private property, in those parts of the Borough outside the fire limits as hereafter constituted, on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only, excluding national holidays.

Every such out-of-door fire shall be built in and confined to a non-combustible container, covered with a screen of 1/2" or smaller mesh, or in such other suitable non-combustible container, unless attended at all times. No such fire shall be closer than 15' from any building or from any property line.



Trees, Bushes, Shrubs

All trees, bushes and shrubs on or along a property must be kept trimmed by the property owner so as not to interfere with street lighting or pedestrian traffic. Trees overhanging Borough streets must be kept trimmed so that a height clearance of at least 14' exists.

Grass, Weeds & Other Vegetation

Grass, weeds and other vegetation not edible or planted for some useful or ornamental purpose cannot exceed a height of 6".

Nuisances

The Borough has a general nuisance ordinance covering a broad range of activities which, other than infrequently, causes or results in annoyance or discomfort to persons beyond the boundaries of the property, or disturbs or interferes with the peaceful uses of the property of others within the Borough. The word "nuisance" shall include, but not limited to:

- ◆ Loud playing of stereo equipment, amplifiers, boom boxes, etc.
- ◆ Frequent howling/barking of dogs, particularly between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
- ◆ Building/road construction or excavation or operation of heavy equipment/trucks between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- ◆ Tracking dirt/mud onto adjacent properties or streets.
- ◆ Use of property so as to permit smoke, soot, ash, dust, cinders, acid or noxious fumes to be carried off the property as to cause an annoyance to adjacent properties.

Abandoned Articles

It is unlawful for any property owner to accumulate or store any junked, abandoned or discarded vehicle, trailer, boat, appliance or household furnishing on public or private property within the Borough.



PERMITS

Building Permits

Residents are reminded to contact the Lebanon County Planning Department at 274-2801 for all construction permits. Please call ahead for an appointment for assurance that someone will be available to meet with you. The only exception being a Driveway Permit, which can be obtained at the Borough Office.

Water/Sewer Permits

Residents are required to get a Water & Sewer Permit with the Municipal Authority at the Borough Office, before you get your Building Permit to construct a new house, if water and sewer are available in your area. Some additions require extra sewer EDU's (equivalent dwelling unit).



**PA One Call...
"Call Before You Dig"
1-800-242-1776**

This is a very important phone call for anyone who plans to do any type of digging or excavation. All projects are to be reported to this system before any type of digging takes place. Remember to call before you dig. "It's the Law."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT



Phone: 273-4215

The Highway Department would like to thank residents who shoveled open drains and fire hydrants during the winter months. Also, thank you to the residents who took the time and consideration to move their vehicles off the road to allow for the plowing and snow removal.

With spring and summer fast approaching the Highway and Water Departments, along with PennDOT, Met-Ed, Verizon, etc. will also be having projects in and around the Borough. Please obey the work area signs and SLOW DOWN so traffic can pass through the work area safely and our work crews can also be safe.

If there are any traffic concerns such as sight distance at intersections, road shoulders that need attention, or signs that are down, please call the Borough Office so that they can be addressed. We strive to keep our residents safe, as well as the public who pass through the Borough.

Thank you,
Highway Department

Proposed Highway Projects for 2009

- Surface treatment on section of Aspen Lane and sections of Boyd Street.
- Storm water improvements on Hemlock Lane
- Base repair on Ironmaster Road
- Installing under drain along Ironmaster Road
- Line painting—re-striping of the 4" yellow center line will be scheduled for September
- Continuing crack sealing program



Recycle Oil & Batteries

Recycling the used oil and batteries from your car, motorcycle or agricultural equipment is a great way to keep the environment clean and save energy. The oils, oil based fluids and batteries you have collected over the years can be recycled at Zimmey's Auto Parts or Zimmey's Automotive at No Charge. The fluids from engines, transmissions, and differentials will be filtered and used as fuel in special furnaces to heat buildings. The batteries are sent to East Penn Manufacturing where nearly 100% of the battery will be recycled, including the acid.

Please call 717-949-2599 or 717-867-1644 before dropping off your items. Residents with 55 gallon drums of oil may call for free pick up.

Mulch For Residents

The mulch pile at the Borough Garage is from the recycling of residents Christmas trees, trimming right-of-ways, site triangles, cleaning up at the Parks, and storm damage.

This mulch is available to Borough Residents. Residents must load their own.



Recycling



Tire recycling at Lebanon Fairgrounds— Friday, April 6 from 8 am to 6 pm. Tires must be off rims, unburned, drained of water and not excessively dirty. Please bring proof of address: driver's license, phone bill, etc. Any questions call Phil Hall at Lebanon County Extension 270-4391.

Cornwall Borough's Highway Department gathered 971 cubic yards of leaves during the fall leaf collection. The leaves were recycled into local farmers fields.

The Highway Department also recycled over 150 plus Christmas trees. The trees were ground into mulch & added to the mulch pile at the Borough Garage.

If you are interested in a recycling bin please contact the Borough Office at 274-3436.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Phone: 274-2071

Chief of Police Bruce Harris	Sergeant Brett Hopkins
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Secretary Stephanie Burris

Officers Gregory Bender James Conklin Ryan Sweigart David Troxell Candace Miller	Stanley R. Finicle Robert Peebles
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r.a.d.KIDS

The **r.a.d. (resist aggression defensively) KIDS** Program is a 7 ½ - 10 hour family centered safety education program designed for children from ages 5 -12 along with their parents or guardians, that emphasizes essential decision making skills as well as physical resistance options to escape violence. **R.a.d.KIDS** is not a martial art but a program that trains children with the realistic skills to recognize, avoid, resist, and when necessary, escape physical violence and/or harm.

Although preventing child abduction is the main goal, curriculum topics include: home & internet safety, bullying, vehicle safety; out & about safety; good-bad-uncomfortable touch; stranger tricks; and self realization of personal power with dynamic simulation.

The **r.a.d.KIDS** education program & simulation training will be taught by Certified Instructors Officer Candace Miller and Secretary Stephanie Burris. There is no cost for the program. Remember, if your child has completed a prior class, they may still participate until their 13th birthday for free. Class sizes are limited.

For more information, or to register your child, (children), for **r.a.d.KIDS**, contact department secretary Stephanie Burris at (274-2071) or e-mail (sburris@cornwallpd.org).

R.A.D. FOR Seniors

A self defense program for senior citizens is now offered by R.A.D. Systems. Since this is a newly instituted program, only a limited number of instructor development classes are currently scheduled. As instructor classes become available, Ptlm Candace Miller, Ptlm Dave Troxell & Secretary Stephanie Burris will attend to become certified in teaching R.A.D. for Seniors. Additional information will be posted as instructors become certified.

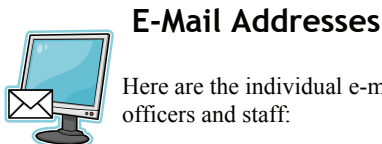
R.A.D. FOR WOMEN

R.A.D. For Women, a basic physical defense program whose primary focus is the realistic development of self-defense options for women, before and during situations of imminent or actual attack/assault, is being offered for the first time by the police department. By bringing together the elements of education, dependency on self, responsibilities in decision making and realization of physical power, this training is a means to empower the women who receive it.

The 12 ½ hour course is being taught by Ptlm. Candace Miller and Ptlm. Dave Troxell certified R.A.D. Instructors.

There is no cost for this course. Minimum age to attend the course is 16.

For additional information, or to register for the course, call the police department at 274-2071, or send an e-mail to bharris@cornwallpd.org.



E-Mail Addresses

Here are the individual e-mail addresses for department officers and staff:

Chief Bruce Harris	bharris@cornwallpd.org
Sgt. Brett Hopkins	bhopkins@cornwallpd.org
Ptlm. Gregory Bender	gbender@cornwallpd.org
Ptlm. James Conklin	jconklin@cornwallpd.org
Ptlm. Ryan Sweigart	rsweigart@cornwallpd.org
Ptlm. David Troxell	dtroxell@cornwallpd.org
Ptlm. Candace Miller	cmiller@cornwallpd.org
Ptlm. Robert Peebles	rpeebles@cornwallpd.org
Ptlm. Rick Finicle	sfinicle@cornwallpd.org
Secretary Stephanie Burris	sburris@cornwallpd.org

VIN Etching

The department will host another VIN Etching event later in the year, most likely in October. Details will be announced at a later date.



Child Safety Seats



If you have a child safety seat in your vehicle and want it inspected for proper installation; or have questions concerning use of the seat, contact Ptlm. Jim Conklin at the police station at 274-2071, or jconklin@cornwallpd.org. Ptlm. Conklin is certified as a Standardized Child Passenger Safety Technician.

Gun Locks



Firearms Safety Kits, which include a gun lock, are still available at the police department. The kits are provided free of charge through a partnership with "Project Child Safe", a nationwide firearms safety education program.

Bicycle Rodeo



Date: **Tuesday, June 2**
Time: **6:30 p.m.**
Place: **Cornwall Elementary School (rear lot)**

The department sponsored bicycle rodeo consists of a safety & skills course and bicycle licensing. A variety of prizes, including bicycles and gift certificates are awarded.

Cell Phones

If you have an old cell phone to dispose of, a collection box is located in the vestibule of the Borough Hall. Proceeds derived from recycling these phones are used to help fund Community Policing Programs, such as National



E-Mail Database



The police department has established an e-mail database to notify residents of Community Policing Activities, such as National Night Out, bicycle rodeos, r.a.d.KIDS Program, VIN Etching, child ID Cards and public education programs. It may also be used to alert residents to a major incident and/or seek assistance from the community in solving a crime. If you wish to be included in this database, send an e-mail with your first and last name and your e-mail address to bharris@cornwallpd.org.

Credit Report

Residents are reminded that they are entitled to a free credit report once every 12 months from each of the three nationwide consumer reporting companies: Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. Credit reports may be obtained in three ways:

- On the secure website: www.annualcreditreport.com
- On the telephone by calling 877-322-8228
- By mail through request forms available at the police department.

National Night Out

Date: **Tuesday, August 4th**
Location: **Alden Street**
(between Burd Coleman Road & SR 419)

This will be our 13th straight year of participating in **National Night Out**. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, **National Night Out**, is held to heighten crime & drug prevention awareness, generate support for and participation in local anti-crime efforts, and promote neighborhood unity and police/community partnerships. This year's event will feature food, refreshment, entertainment and kids games and activities. A variety of groups and organizations will be participating. A flyer with a complete listing of activities will be distributed to all Borough homes in the latter part of July.





Municipal Authority

Phone: 274-5441

Bushes and Shrubs

When doing your spring planting and pruning remember authority employees stop by to read your meters. Use consideration when planting your bushes and shrubs. Do not plant them in the path to the water meter. **Thorny bushes should be kept away from meters.** The authority employees do not want to destroy your plants so the meter area should be kept in clear view.

Authority Staff Wear Badges

All Authority staff have identification badges with them. You have the right to see these badges. The Authority encourages you to check badges whenever someone unfamiliar is approaching your home. The Authority will contact you by letter or phone, if it is doing any sampling that would require your participation. If you are approached by any person who does not have an Authority badge remember the Authority does not endorse any water products or purification systems.

Emergency Response Forms



Are you new in town? Has your phone number changed? Do you now have an email address? If so, call the Authority office to update your contact information or stop by the Borough

office and complete a form. As a courtesy, the Authority staff will kindly inform residents if their water service needs to be terminated due to a water situation. Help us by keeping your information current, the staff can not take the time to find your phone number when emergencies arise.



Conserve the Water Resource

The Authority Board and staff encourage you to conserve this natural resource. The staff is on the lookout for potential leaks through the monitoring of tank levels and looking for new wet areas on the ground surface. The new water rates were designed to promote water conservation. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) pamphlet entitled "Use Water Wisely" is available at the office for more water saving tips.

Flushing Fire Hydrants



The fire hydrants are scheduled to be flushed this spring or early summer.

Locating Manholes



If you happen to have a manhole on your property, please refrain from covering them, i.e.: bushes, planters, yard debris, etc.



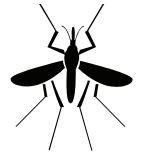
Commuter Services Offers Solutions for High Gas Prices

Check out www.PaCommuterServices.com or call toll-free 1-866-579-RIDE for information on commuting options including transit, carpools, vanpools, telecommuting, special work shifts, biking or walking.

Online there is a calculator to show how much your commute costs now and a confidential, ride-matching database with thousands of local commuters seeking people to share rides to work. Commuter Services also reimburses commuters using options for rides home in case of family emergencies.

Services are free because they are underwritten with federal Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality funds. The program is open to employers and the more than 800,000 commuters in Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties.

Board of Health



Update on West Nile Fever:

In 2008 in Pennsylvania there were 37 counties with West Nile activity. There were 5 counties with human disease with a total of 14 cases with 1 death. There were 8 human cases in Philadelphia County with 1 death in a 76 year old male, 2 cases each in Montgomery and Delaware Counties and 1 case each in Chester and Bucks Counties. The human cases were centered in Southeast Pennsylvania. There were 518 positive mosquito samples collected throughout the state with only one in Lebanon County in Jackson Township. There were 14 dead birds collected in 8 counties. Two horses were infected in Lancaster County. Nationwide in 2008 there were 1338 human cases of West Nile disease reported with 43 deaths. So you see West Nile disease remains a disease to be taken seriously.

West Nile is a seasonal disease in North America that flares up in the summer and continues through the fall to the first frost. About 80% of patients who are infected will not show any symptoms at all. Up to 20% will have a mild disease characterized by fever, headaches, body aches, nausea, vomiting, sometimes swollen glands and a skin rash on the trunk. Symptoms can last a few days to a few weeks. About 1 in 150 patients will develop a severe illness involving the central nervous system including meningitis. The risk for severe disease is highest for people over 50 and those with weakened immune systems.

The common steps to reduce the risk of infection include:

1. Avoid mosquito bites.
2. Clear out mosquitoes from the places where you live, work and play.
3. Help your community to control the disease.

To avoid mosquitoes apply insect repellent containing DEET to exposed skin when outside. Mosquito peak activity is dawn and dusk. When possible wear long sleeves, long pants and socks. Spray clothes with DEET. Do not spray DEET on the skin under the clothes.

To eliminate mosquito breeding sites around your property: Make sure screens fit tightly over doors and windows, eliminate standing water in all types of containers including tin cans, plastic containers, birdbaths, and ceramic pots. Remove standing water from discarded tires (a major source of mosquito breeding), clean clogged roof gutters and drains, clean and chlorinate swimming pools and turn over plastic wading pools and wheelbarrows when not in use. Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers.

West Nile virus infects certain wild birds especially crows, jays, hawks and owls. The fourteen dead birds collected in Pennsylvania were all crows except for one jay. Lebanon County residents are requested to report and submit dead birds. This can best be done by calling **1-877-PA-HEALTH (1-877-724-3258)** for instructions. This is the Department of Health's number which can also be used for general information about West Nile virus. The website for West Nile virus is www.westnile.state.pa.us. Lebanon County has an active West Nile virus program to control probable mosquito breeding sites.

STATE TO SPRAY COUNTY FOR GYPSY MOTHS



Lebanon County is cooperating with the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources—Bureau of Forestry, and the USDA Forest Service in a joint effort to spray gypsy moth caterpillars this spring in certain residential and public high-use areas within the county. The areas scheduled for treatment are located in Swatara, West Cornwall, South Londonderry, South Annville Townships, and Cornwall and Mt Aetna Gretna Boroughs. These treatment areas were selected on the basis of resident requests and field surveys conducted in the fall to confirm infestations—no additional areas can be added at this time.

A biological spray material, *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bt), which affects only leaf-eating caterpillars, will be used. However, Bt may not kill all of the gypsy moth caterpillars. In severe infestations, the percentage of surviving caterpillars may still be sufficient to cause some defoliation and also be a nuisance to the homeowner. Because of this and variability in control caused by the weather, the results cannot be guaranteed.

The spraying is scheduled to occur sometime from late April to mid May, depending upon insect and leaf development. Local news media will carry information on more specific dates. Spraying will be done by aircraft starting daily at daybreak and continuing as long as wind and other conditions are acceptable. Evening, weekend, to any particular property. Bt has not been shown to be harmful to humans, pets, livestock, or gardens. However, it is recommended that you observe normal precautions and remain under cover during spraying. If exposed to the spray, wash with soap and water.

Program standards provide for the treatment of a forested buffer extending no farther than 500 feet from the residence(s) being protected. Open fields, open areas containing only a few scattered trees, and narrow fence rows will not be treated. Stakes, identification tags, and/or colored ribbon are placed in spray blocks for identification and evaluation purposes. Do not disturb these markers—they will be removed at a later date.

Detailed maps of the treatment areas are available on our website at <http://www.lccd.org/forestry.php> or you may stop in at the Lebanon County Conservation District Office, 2120 Cornwall Road, Suite 5, Lebanon, PA 17042 during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Any additional questions regarding the gypsy moth, the insecticide, or this program can be directed to either of these office: Leigh Beamesderfer, County Gypsy Moth Coordinator, Lebanon County Conservation District, 272-3908, ext.4.

COMMUNITY FIRE COMPANY



Phone: 273-8172

P.O. Box 66
Cornwall, PA 17016

Fire Officers for 2009

Fire Chief—Andrew Ventura
Assistant Chief—Dominic Tribioli
Captain—Phillip Schaeffer
Lieutenant—Jeff Iceman

SPRING SAFETY TIPS FOR THE COMMUNITY

Nature is undergoing a fresh start and so are homeowners who are ready to clean up the debris that has been accumulating in basements, storage sheds, and garages over the winter.

- Household and pool chemicals, paints, and poisons should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach. Dispose of any that are leaking, expired, or that look bad.
- When cleaning up hazardous chemicals wear rubber gloves and follow the safety direction on the packaging. Never mix chemicals in the same container. If you don't know how to dispose of them, seek outside advice. Never put them into the trash or pour down the drain.
- Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage.
- Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts, or floors.
- Clean up work areas. Put dangerous tools, adhesives, matches, or other work items away from children's reach.
- Check your barbecue grill for leaks and cracks, and be sure to store any propane tanks away from your house and garage.
- Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers, and magazines. Pay special attention to the spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters, and dryer, as well as under the stairs.

A reminder to all residences of Cornwall Borough, there is a House Number Ordinance which requires all houses to be numbered on the exterior visible from the street. This enables Emergency Services to find you quicker in your time of need. As an option the Community Fire Co. has available Reflective Address signs for a small donation. Go to our webpage www.cornwallfire.com or call 273-8172 and leave a message and someone will return your call.

Fire Safe Flameless Candles are still available. Candles are made of real wax. These are an excellent fire safe item to help reduce the risk of fire in your house. Please see our website for more details www.cornwallfire.com/fundraisers.html.

These are just a few of the safety precautions to consider during the Spring. It's also a great time to replace your smoke detector batteries, make sure your fire extinguishers are placed in proper locations around your home, and ensure you have a working flashlight and battery-powered radio for Spring storms. By taking the right precautions when warmer weather beacons, you and those around you can enjoy a safer, healthier Spring."



2009 Summer Playground Program

The 2009 Summer Playground Programs for the Rexmont and Cornwall Playgrounds will begin on June 15 and end on August 7.

Cornwall Teener Sign-ups



Sign ups will be Monday, April 6 at 5:30 pm at the Teener Field in Cornwall.

Boys ages 13 to 15 are eligible.
(Boys who turn 13 by April 30 and who turn 16 after April 30).

The areas included are Cornwall Borough, West Cornwall Township and Mt. Gretna Borough. For further information call Tony Louwerse at 273-7278.

CQM Midget Baseball



For more information call Bruce Conrad at 273-1010.

CORNWALL BOROUGH MEETING SCHEDULE

Planning & Zoning Commission
1st Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Borough Council
2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Municipal Authority
3rd Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m.

Health Board
Last Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

*If meeting date falls on a Holiday contact
Borough Office for date and time.*

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Borough Office	274-3436
Highway Garage	273-4215
Municipal Authority (Water & Sewer Dept)	274-5441
Police Department	274-2071
Tax Collector (Jean Dishong)	272-9986
Municipal Building	274-2801
Humane Society	273-3300
Driver Exam Center	272-8511
Lebanon Co. Ag Center	270-4391
Greater Lebanon Refuse Auth	867-5790