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**SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES RATIFY TERMINATION OF TWO
PARAMEDICS WHO INCORRECTLY DECLARED WOMAN DEAD**

Fire Chief and Assistant Chief Remain on Leave Pending A Broader Scope of Review

SPRINGFIELD TWP., OH – Tonight, Springfield Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to ratify the termination of two former paramedics who incorrectly declared a woman dead on January 2, 2024. The vote on the termination came after the investigator appointed by the township, attorney R. Kent Murphree, presented the Board with his investigative report into the actions of the two former employees. The investigation, which included extensive analysis of body camera footage from the scene as well as consultation with an expert in emergency medical training, concluded that both paramedics failed to follow basic procedures before declaring the patient deceased.

“This terrible situation was completely avoidable,” Board of Trustees Chair Andy Glenn said. “Our investigation uncovered numerous discrepancies between what these former paramedics claimed happened and what police body camera footage and other evidence showed. Given the facts, the Trustees felt strongly there was no way these two paramedics could continue to effectively serve residents.”

Springfield Township released a report that focused on the paramedic review.

The Springfield Township Fire Chief remains on administrative leave pending a broader scope of review beyond the January 2 incident. The Assistant Chief also remains on administrative leave pending a decision by the Board of Trustees.

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