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OFFICIAL PUBLIC STATEMENT

The Mayville Village Council held a Special Meeting on July 30th, 2024 regarding the Incident during the early morning hours of Thursday, July 25th, 2024. A 2012 Chevy Silverado that was outfitted as a Grass Truck for the Mayville Fire Department was taken from the Mayville Fire Hall by a Probationary Fireman, Without Authorization, and was involved in a single vehicle accident near Leix and Saginaw roads in Fremont Township. This Probationary Fireman is a Minor, and because of this his name will not be released by the Village.

During the Special Meeting the Village Council and the Village Attorney entered a Closed Session, as allowed by MCL 15.268, for the purpose of Periodic Personnel Evaluations. Several members of the Command Staff of the Fire Department and the Probationary Fireman were interviewed.

Upon returning to a Regular Session, The Village Council took the following actions:

- The Village Council found that the Fire Chief Terry Blackmer and all Command Staff bear no responsibility for the incident that occurred and acted with the utmost propriety, appropriateness, and integrity.
- The Village Council ratified, proved, and confirmed Fire Chief Blackmer's termination of the Probationary Fireman that took place on July 25th, 2024.
- The Village Council voted to issue a position statement to the Tuscola County Sheriff's Department and the Tuscola County Prosecutor to favor the issuance of charges as appropriate against the Probationary Fireman involved in the incident, and to continue its earnest cooperation in any ongoing investigations and prosecutions.

The Village Council and the Mayville Fire Department recognize the serious nature of this incident and have taken the actions available to the Village.

All investigations and prosecutions are the responsibility of the Tuscola County Sheriff and the Tuscola County Prosecutor, not the Village of Mayville.

With regard to the Fire Truck in question, an Insurance Claim has been initiated and the truck will be repaired and returned to service as soon as possible.

The Village of Mayville has one of the most respected and professional Fire Departments in the State of Michigan, and we hope that the community will rally around our First Responders during this difficult time.