



## **Mutual Aid to North College Hill In Response to Resignations in NCH Fire Department**

**A Joint Message of Springfield Township,  
Colerain Township and Mt. Healthy**

(Mt Healthy, Hamilton County, Ohio, March 11, 2024) In response to the recent events where approximately 75% of the staffing of North College Hill Fire and EMS has resigned, leaving that community and its residents vulnerable as it relates to responding to emergency situations, the fire and EMS departments of Colerain Township, Springfield Township, and the City of Mt. Healthy, collectively representing our communities, want to assure everyone that we are committed to providing the same level of professional service to our residents and businesses that they expect and deserve.

During this transition period, if any of our fire and EMS departments or neighboring communities are called upon to respond into North College Hill, we will do so in accordance with the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association (HCFCFA) Mutual Aid Agreement. This agreement, which spans across Hamilton County including Springfield Township, Colerain Township, and the City of Mt. Healthy, allows fire and EMS departments to assist each other across jurisdictional boundaries in times of need, such as an eminent threat to life. It is important to note that mutual aid is reciprocal in nature and does not supersede our responsibility to our own respective communities.

In the short term, the HCFCFA Mutual Aid Agreement will be the basis for our assistance to North College Hill. However, we are jointly working on a more permanent solution that provides the residents of North College Hill with life safety services without diminishing our ability to provide the same to our respective communities. The communities are currently working collaboratively to develop long term solutions with an updated timeline that can be presented within the coming week. This joint effort reflects our shared commitment to public safety and community welfare.

It's crucial to emphasize that the HCFCFA Mutual Aid Agreement is not and never was meant to cause one community to support or subsidize the operations of another. Rather, it underscores our collective commitment to supporting neighboring communities in times of need, while ensuring the continuity of emergency services for residents and businesses.

Our values of customer service, teamwork, trust, mutual respect, and growth and nurturing extend beyond jurisdictional boundaries when we are called upon.