

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## WAYNE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVES EMS MERGER

INDIANAPOLIS – Earlier this evening the Wayne Township Board voted to approve the merger of the EMS Division of the Wayne Township Fire Department with Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services.

By a 4 to 1 vote, the board approved resolutions authorizing Wayne Township Trustee Jeb Bardon to negotiate details of the merger on behalf of the township, the transfer of assets to Indianapolis Emergency Medical Services and the payout of civilian employees once the EMS Division of the Wayne Township Fire Department is merged.

"While this wasn't an easy decision, it's the right one for our township, taxpayers and our employees," said Bardon. "This merger will ensure that Wayne Township residents will benefit from world-class emergency medical protection for generations to come."

While details of the EMS merger, including the effective date, will need to be negotiated, the township will next consider a resolution merging its fire department with the Indianapolis Fire Department. A hearing will be held on February 22, 2024, to gather public input on that merger.

Located on Indianapolis' west side, Wayne Township is home to nearly 150,000 residents, vibrant neighborhoods, hundreds of businesses and important assets like the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and the Indianapolis International Airport. The Wayne Township Trustee's Office offers numerous programs and services to assist residents facing difficult situations and also oversees the Wayne Township Fire Department. For more information on the Wayne Township Trustee's Office, visit <u>www.WayneTwp.org</u>

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