

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 10/2/2023

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Are you representing: Yourself  Organization

Organization (If Applicable): Goshen Township Fire & EMS

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes  No

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB244

Specific Issue: 2.5 Million in funding to rebuild Station 18

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes  No

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? N/A

Please provide a brief statement on your position: See attached letter.

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Division Chief Kevin Lynch  
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To whom it may concern,

HB244

Station 18 was hit by a tornado on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2022, which resulted in huge hit for Goshen Township operationally and financially. The funding on the 2.5 million from the state would have a tremendous impact on Goshen Township to rebuild Station 18. HB244 would fund the gap in funding to rebuild station 18.

The funding from HB244 would prevent Goshen Township from making sacrifices to fund the rebuilding process. Such sacrifices needing to be made would be potentially cutting future projects or replacing personnel lost through attrition, and this would be averted by funding from HB244.

Currently, Station 18 is being operated out of a single wide mobile home off site at the Township's service department. The fire department is sharing an outbuilding with the service department to house the fire department's apparatus and personal protective equipment. The members operating out of the temporary station have to go in and out of the elements to access their equipment to respond to emergencies.

Goshen Township Fire & EMS currently operate out of two stations answering over 3,000+ calls for service. The department currently has 18 full-time employees and 35+ part-time employees. Goshen Township Fire & EMS was the 2023 Ohio EMS Agency of the Year, and in 2021 members of the department received the Ohio Medal of Valor for rescuing a civilian from a burning building, along with several other civilians being rescued in other building fires over the past several years. Goshen Township Fire & EMS provides unmatched service to its community and the surrounding agencies that requests their help. The employees of Goshen Township Fire & EMS would greatly benefit from the funding of HB244.

Please HELP the residents of Goshen Township, the Firefighters/EMT's, and their neighbors.

Respectfully,

*Kevin C. Lynch*

Division Chief Kevin Lynch

