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I would also like to express my sympathies to the family of William Marshall.

I understand that the resolution of the civil liability arising from the death of Mr. Marshall is an important step for the family and the fire department. Our firefighters grieve the loss of any patient they attend to and we will work to ensure that a situation such as this does not occur in the future.

Our department has been cooperating with the State Police and the Wayne County Prosecutors office during their investigation which is still being investigated.

Our department will continue to address any polices that were violated and which polices need further review and make any necessary changes.

Additionally, this incident has been reviewed by Health Emergency Medical Services (HEMS) which is our local medical control authority and their recommendation toward the supervised work status of the two firefighters was considered during our internal investigation.

During the course of our investigation one firefighter voluntarily left employment with the city and as a result of the available facts discovered during our investigation the department moved forward with the termination of the remaining firefighter.

This employee has collective bargaining rights and privacy rights and due to the ongoing investigation I am not at liberty to discuss this in any further detail.