

**HUNTINGTOWN VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT
OFFICIAL STATEMENT REGARDING MEMBER DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

The Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department & Rescue Squad, Inc. is aware that a member of the Department has been charged with an allegation of animal cruelty.

The Department takes allegations involving animal cruelty and other conduct that may adversely affect the reputation and integrity of the Department very seriously. The Department has taken appropriate disciplinary action in accordance with its policies and procedures.

Effective immediately, the member has been **suspended from the Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department pending further review and disposition of the matter.**

The Department will continue to monitor the situation and will take any additional action deemed appropriate based upon the facts, applicable Department policies, and the outcome of the legal proceedings.

As this is a personnel and disciplinary matter, the Department will not comment further at this time.

**Huntingtown Volunteer Fire Department
Date: August 28, 2026**