

Public Statement on Emergency Response Services Cost Recovery - July 15, 2014

We wish to let you know that yesterday and today, Village Officials and staff have received a number of inquiries and complaints regarding an emergency response services cost recovery billing that involved a single vehicle accident fatality that required the use of the Jaws of Life.

Under state law, many municipalities across the state provide for the recovery of costs associated with emergency response services. The purpose is to defray some costs incurred in providing emergency response services and is not intended to provide complete reimbursement of services. Such emergency response costs are charged against the owner/operator/person in which the emergency response is directed. Service charges should be submitted directly to the insurance carrier as applicable.

On behalf of the Village of Mackinaw City and the Mackinaw City Fire Department we have issued the family a follow-up condolence letter and provided notice of steps being taken to avoid this type of situation in the future.