



# Madison Township Fire Department

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## PRESS RELEASE

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June, 2024 at 16:49 hours, the Madison Township Fire Department was dispatched to a report of a Camper / Motorhome on Fire at 476 Piper Road in Madison Township. The initial box alarm assignment was the Madison Township Fire Department with 2 Engines, Mifflin Township (Richland County) with a Medic Unit, and the Mansfield Fire Department with an Engine.

Upon arrival, units found a motorhome with an apparent fire inside the living area. Upon forcing a locked door, a victim was found inside. The victim is Joseph Nickrand, a 53-year-old male. Nickrand was found to have shallow breathing with a weak pulse. Nickrand was quickly removed from the motorhome and received Advanced Life Support treatment at the scene.

Nickrand was taken to Ohio Health Mansfield by Mifflin Township (Richland County) Fire Department Medics. During transport, Nickrand experienced cardiac arrest. All attempts to resuscitate Nickrand were unsuccessful, and he was pronounced dead at Ohio Health Mansfield Emergency Department.

The fire appears to have been accidental. The Ohio State Fire Marshal's Office responded and is conducting the investigation into the cause of this fire. The Richland County Sheriff's Office is also participating in the investigation.

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