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SUBMITTED VIA EMAIL TO OpinionsRequest@OhioAttorneyGeneral.gov

RE: Use of Township Road Fund to purchase fire truck

Dear Mr. Yost:

Wayne Township within Fayette County, Ohio maintains a Volunteer Fire Department. Part of the duties of the township involve responding to emergency incidents on the roadway. The fire chief has indicated that these responses are vehicle crashes/tree incidents/ and powerlines. The township is in the process of purchasing a fire tanker truck which would also carry rescue tools for vehicle crashes. In making the purchase of the truck, the township is financing the purchase, but is also making a significant down payment of \$100,000.00. They would like to use \$50,000.00 from the fire fund and \$50,000.00 from the road fund to effectuate the purchase.

Using fire funds to purchase a fire truck is not in question, but using road funds is. Thus, the opinion that I seek the answer to is whether the township can use \$50,000.00 from the road fund to purchase a truck that will involve responses to vehicle crashes that occur on the roads of the township.

If more specifics are needed as to responses, use, and general information regarding the township fire department, Chris Wysong, Chief of the Fire Department should be contacted. He can be reached via email at cwysong@waynetwpfire.com

Thank you for your response to this question.

Sincerely,

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