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SPRING VALLEY VILLAGE

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The City of Spring Valley Village leadership recognizes that residents may soon hear that Chief David Foster is no longer our Fire Chief or an employee of our Village Fire Department that serves Spring Valley and the other (5) participating Memorial Village cities with fire suppression and paramedic services.

Spring Valley leadership is committed to doing all that is necessary to ensure that this decision to terminate Chief Foster from his post will not affect the day-to-day life saving services provided by the Village Fire Department to our residents.

This news may create confusion and might cause residents to question what may come of the Village Fire Department and their own personal safety. It is important to understand this was an administrative decision, not a decision to change the operations of the department or any relationship with the other participating Memorial Village cities.

On Wednesday of this week, at the January VFD Board of Commissioners Meeting, the Board terminated Chief David Foster from our Memorial Villages Fire Department. This was the second attempt by the Board of Commissioners to end the employment of Chief Foster, the first being at the November Board Meeting. Spring Valley's Council and its representative Commissioner on the Board did not support this action of termination in either instance.

Over the coming days, city leaders encourage residents to contact the City Leadership if they have questions, comments or simply want to understand the situation with the department. Leadership will also discuss how Spring Valley will support the department as it moves forward to find new leadership.

Residents can also visit the [Village Fire Department website](#) to learn more about the structure of the department and how contracting cities work together to provide emergency services to Spring Valley and other participating Memorial Village cities.

The VFD has worked for many decades to provide solid, consistent, and reliable services to our communities and Spring Valley residents. While we are working through this decision, we all have confidence that our Village Fire Department will continue to meet our residents' needs.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marcus Vajdos', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Mayor Marcus Vajdos
City of Spring Valley Village

