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Randall J. Meyer, Inspector General  
Ohio Inspector General  
30 E. Broad Street, Suite 2940  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Re: Report of Investigation 2019-CA00024

Dear Inspector General Meyer,

The Ohio Department of Public Safety has reviewed your report of investigation and subsequent recommendations. Please find below the plan detailing implementation of the recommendations of the Inspector General.

1. Review the actions of the EMS employees and board members involved to determine if administrative action is warranted.

Response: Ohio DPS has conducted an internal investigation into the actions of the EMS employees and board member. The investigation confirms that while an employee did improperly accept air travel from a Board member; she had obtained supervisor approval prior to the travel. The employee and supervisor have both been counseled regarding the Ohio Ethics law and Ohio DPS policies. The supervisor has subsequently resigned.

2. Review Ohio ethics laws with EMS employees and board members.

Response: Ohio DPS will conduct additional employee and board member ethics training and improve upon existing department policies to better inform all employees on potential ethics issues. Additionally, one on one ethics training will be conducted with the board member involved in the investigation.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the recommendations raised in your report. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Stickrath,  
Director