

**PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
PUBLIC INFORMATION RELEASE REPORT**

1. STATION PAPSP6000/Montoursville		2. CAD/CASE NO. PA2025-63003
3. INVESTIGATING OFFICER Cpl. Nathan Birth		
4. NATURE OF INCIDENT Fatal Fire	5. DATE/TIME OF INCIDENT 01/17/2025 @ Approximately 0942 hours	
6. LOCATION 13019 Route 414, Union Township, Tioga County		
7. PERSON(S) INVOLVED Victim - Jay Paul MYER (Deceased) 73 y/o male		
8. INCIDENT DETAILS <p>At the date, time, and location above multiple fire departments responded for the reports of a fully involved barn fire with entrapment. Upon arriving on scene, Canton Fire Department personnel confirmed a fully involved barn fire, and a witness account of entrapment. Due to the quick progression of the fire, search and rescue was unable to be performed.</p> <p>The victim was discovered upon completion of suppression, consistent with the last location he was observed by the witness. The victim had entered and exited the barn multiple times attempting to save livestock and machinery.</p> <p>A PA State Police Fire Marshal conducted an origin and cause investigation of the fire and subsequent death investigation. Due to the amount of damage sustained by the structure, the origin and cause of the fire is currently Undetermined, but on going. The death investigation is being ruled accidental due to smoke inhalation and thermal trauma.</p>		
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