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Family files suit after firetruck hits, kills Tiffin woman

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Fifty-three-old Lorri Riehm, of Tiffin, was killed in June near the village of Green Springs. (MGN Online)


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TIFFIN, Ohio (AP) - The family of a jogger struck and killed by a firetruck backing onto a walking path is suing a volunteer fire department in northern Ohio.



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The lawsuit filed this week in Seneca County says the firetruck had an obstructed rear view and that the driver didn't use reasonable care while

backing up.



A message seeking comment was left with the department Wednesday. (mailto:?subject=A%20link%20for%20you&body=You%20should%20read%20this!%0A%0Ahttp://nbc24.com/

Fifty-three-old Lorri Riehm, of Tiffin, was killed in June near the village of Green Springs.

Authorities say she was walking along a reservoir and wearing headphones when she was struck by a firetruck that had been sent to a water rescue.

An attorney for the family says the incident was preventable and they have not heard an apology from the fire department.

“This completely senseless accident not only took the life of a woman dedicated to her community through children’s ministries, it also shattered her family,” Attorney Chuck Boyk, lawyer for the Riehm family, said.

“Despite seeking out what was supposed to be a safe place to walk, her life was taken in a completely preventable incident that to this day the Green Springs fire department has yet to apologize for or even extend their condolences about.”

Prosecutors this month announced they weren't filing charges against the firefighter driving the truck.

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