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Penn Township Fire Department Chief and Penn Township Trustee recently received anonymous allegations that Penn Township Fire Department employee Brian Kazmierzak was sexually harassing unnamed women via Facebook posts regarding activity in 2013. When confronted with the allegations by the Fire Chief and Trustee, Mr. Kazmierzak first denied the allegations then resigned his employment on March 2, 2019. In 2013, the Fire Chief received a complaint from a woman who was not employed by Penn Township, alleging she was sent messages of a sexual nature on Facebook from Mr. Kazmierzak through his personal account, although the woman did not disclose the content of the messages to the Fire Chief. The Fire Chief confronted Mr. Kazmierzak about the complaint at that time, and Mr. Kazmierzak denied the allegations and removed his Facebook account. The Fire Chief and Trustee did not receive any additional complaints about Mr. Kazmierzak's behavior until the same woman many years later complained that Mr. Kazmierzak was attending training she attended, but which was not affiliated with Penn Township. Mr. Kazmierzak had a separate business whereby he used his certification as a state-certified instructor to train firefighters for Indiana certifications. Penn Township has no authority over the certification process for firefighters, had no stake in or control over Mr. Kazmierzak's training business and did not monitor his personal life. The Fire Chief and the Trustee did not receive any other sexual harassment complaints about Mr. Kazmierzak during his tenure with Penn Township Fire Department but have urged employees to come forward with information about knowledge of allegations against Mr. Kazmierzak, as part of their investigation.