



**Jason E. Mumpower, Comptroller of the Treasury**

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## **Former Fentress County Rescue Squad Captain Stole \$22,829**

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with the Fentress County Sheriff's Department, has resulted in the indictment of Mark Crabtree, who served as captain within the Fentress County Rescue Squad.



Investigators determined that Crabtree misappropriated rescue squad funds totaling at least \$22,829.13 between December 2022 and December 2023. Crabtree stole the money in three ways:

- \$11,700 by writing seven unauthorized checks to himself for personal use. Crabtree signed both his and the former treasurer's names on the checks.
- \$9,943 by making 47 unauthorized ATM withdrawals and one over-the-counter cash withdrawal for his personal use.
- \$1,186.13 by making 18 unauthorized personal purchases with the rescue squad debit card.

On January 27, 2024, Crabtree was removed from his position as captain.

Based upon this investigation, in June 2024, Mark Crabtree was indicted by the Fentress County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$10,000, one count of forgery over \$10,000, and one count of fraudulent use of a credit or debit card over \$1,000.

"Rescue squad officers should be sure that financial duties are separated between more than one person. Crabtree maintained records and was involved in collecting, depositing, and disbursing funds," said Comptroller Mumpower. "Additionally, the rescue squad must do a better job of maintaining supporting documentation for purchases and withdrawals, and accounting for fundraisers."

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