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# Press Release

To: Jennie Key  
From: Captain Steven G. Conn, PIO  
Date: February 20, 2012  
Re: Colerain Firefighters "Fight for Air" and raise money for the American Lung Association

Nine Colerain Township Firefighters donned their full protective equipment on Sunday morning and prepared for one of the most grueling fitness tests imaginable. These dedicated men and women participated in the American Lung Association's "Fight for Air Climb" in which participants climb the stairs of some of the country's tallest buildings. Sunday's event was held at the 45-floor Carew Tower in downtown Cincinnati. All nine firefighters completed the climb wearing their firefighting gear under 19 minutes with our first place firefighter coming in at 11:14.

The Fight for Air Climb is a national event that raises money for research, treatment and educational programs to increase the awareness of breathing and lung problems throughout the country. The American Lung Association estimates that over 400,000 people die each year from lung diseases and another 35 million people in the US are currently living with lung problems! Firefighters have an inherent interest in lung functions considering the job they do.

The CTFD-Station 26 team was the #3 overall fundraising team participating in the event this year. Over 500 individuals participated including nine other regional fire department teams.

For more information on lung and breathing problems, please visit The American Lung Association's website at [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org).

Any questions or comments regarding this press release may be directed to Captain Steve Conn at 513-615-8698 or [sconn@coleraintwp.org](mailto:sconn@coleraintwp.org).



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Front: Kellie Cooney, Joe Grayson, Phil Klug, Allen Walls, Doug Rolf

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