



For Immediate Release

Press Release

To: Assignment Editor
From: Captain Steven G. Conn, PIO
Date: March 15, 2012
Re: Structure fire leaves family without a home

Colerain Firefighters were dispatched to an appliance fire in the 2400 block of Berthbrook Dr. just before 4:00pm this afternoon. When firefighters arrived, they found a fire that had consumed the basement utility room and had extended into the basement. Heavy smoke was throughout the house which made locating the actual location of the fire more difficult. The fire was quickly brought under control within 15 minutes.

Fire damage was extensive in the basement with extensive smoke damage throughout the rest of the bi-level home. The Red Cross is assisting the family of 4 with finding lodging for the night and with coordinating rebuilding their lives. The family did not have insurance and were renting the home.

There were no civilian injuries. One firefighter sustained a minor injury when the electrical service to the house "shorted" and energized the aluminum siding on the home. The firefighter was retrieving equipment when he came into contact with the energized equipment. He was assessed and treated on the scene but was not transported.

Damage estimates are still being determined but may be as high as \$30,000. The cause of the fire, which appeared to be located in the basement utility-room area, is also under investigation. Colerain Fire Department received assistance from Springfield Township Fire Department as well as the Colerain Police Department.

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



For up to the minute road closings, emergency response updates and life safety announcements follow the [Colerain Fire Department on Twitter](#); Keyword: [Colerain_Fire](#)

Colerain Township Department of Fire and EMS
3251 Springdale Road
Cincinnati, OH 45251
513-825-6143