



For Immediate Release

Press Release

To: Assignment Editor
From: Captain Steve Conn
Date: October 5, 2013
Re: Multiple Structure Fires Overnight

Two back-to-back structure fires overnight kept Colerain Fire units busy until late Saturday morning. Nobody was injured in either fire and investigators are still following all leads to determine the cause and origin of the two fires.

At approximately 02:00 am, Hamilton County Communications Center received a 911 call from the occupants of a home in the 5800 block of Orchard Hill Lane stating their smoke detectors were alarming and there was a possible fire on the rear deck of their home. Fire units arrived to find a working fire on the rear deck with minimal extension into the attic area of the single family residence. All occupants had exited the building. The fire was quickly knocked down and arson investigators from the Colerain Fire and Colerain Police Departments were summoned to the scene to determine the cause and origin of the fire. The loss estimate has been placed at approximately \$5,000-\$10,000.

While crews were finishing on the scene from Orchard Hill Lane, our investigators noticed a large fire in the area of Thompson Road and Forfeit Run Road. At the same time our command officers were investigating this second fire, the Hamilton County Communications Center advised units of a possible structure fire in the same area. Our fire crews arrived at approximately 04:00 am to find a fully-involved barn fire approximately 100 feet from the roadway. The barn had recently been stocked with several hundred bales of freshly cut straw. The heavy fire load in the barn made for a particularly stubborn fire. Crews finally departed the scene at 10:30 am after being assisted in the overhaul by Colerain Public Works Department. The cause of this fire is being investigated by members of the Hamilton County Arson Task Force. The loss estimate for this fire has not been determined; however the historical barn itself was a total loss.

Questions or inquiries into this incident may be directed to either Public Information Officer: Captain Steve Conn at 513-615-8698: sconn@colerain.org or Captain Darian Edwards at 513-623-0078: dedwards@colerain.org.



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