



News Release for Colerain Fire

For Immediate Release

Date: **November 25, 2014**

Colerain Township fire units were dispatched to the 2800 block of Geraldine Drive at approximately 8:20am for a possible structure fire. When fire crews arrived, they found a single-family ranch residence with heavy smoke showing from the front and possible kitchen and basement fire from the rear of the house. Initial reports from Hamilton County Communications Center advised that the home may be occupied by an elderly couple. The initial crews immediately began search and rescue operations in addition to fire attack.

Attack crews made their way inside and encountered high heat and heavy fire and smoke on the first floor. They made their way to the basement stairs where they found a fully involved basement fire. Operations became tenuous as a carefully coordinated attack was developed to battle both floors of the fire while searching the home directly above the basement fire.

The fire was considered under control approximately 20 minutes after arrival on scene. Primary and secondary searches inside the home revealed no occupants. There was extensive damage to the residence.

The cause of the fire is under investigation by fire investigators from the Colerain Fire and Colerain Police Departments. They are also investigating whether a small explosion or some kind of "over-pressure event" (flashover, backdraft, etc.) occurred within the structure based on damage patterns they observed. Duke Energy is also assisting.

Colerain fire units were assisted on scene by North College Hill fire units. One firefighter suffered a minor laceration from broken glass but was treated on scene and did not require transport.

Questions or inquiries into this incident may be directed to Asst. Chief Frank Cook at fcook@colerain.org or Public Information Officer: Captain Steve Conn at 513-615-8698, sconn@colerain.org.



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