



News Release for Colerain Fire

For Immediate Release

Date: **March 5, 2015**

Two structure fires keep Colerain Fire crews busy overnight.

At approximately 10:00pm, fire crews were dispatched to a possible structure fire in the 9800 block of Sheits road. A neighbor noticed flames coming from the residence and called 911. When initial crews arrived on the scene, flames were already through the roof of the single family residence.

This area of Sheits Road does not have any fire hydrants, and water tankers from several jurisdictions were dispatched to assist in this labor intensive operation. The fire was declared a defensive fire due to the limited water supply and the extensive structural involvement on their arrival. The fire was declared under control after approximately one hour but due to the size of the fire was not declared out until after 1:00am.

The homeowner was not at home at the time of the fire but did arrive on scene approximately 1 hour after fire crews' arrival. He advised them that there may be several dogs in the residence and was visibly upset. Some dogs were found inside the home but crews had not been able to enter the building to determine the number of deceased pets. He was eventually transported to Mercy West Hospital for observation due to a prior existing medical condition.

Units from the following jurisdictions assisted with fire control and tanker operations: Green Township, Miami Township, Crosby Township, Harrison, Ross Township, Whitewater Township, Morgan Township and Bright Indiana.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, and fire investigators from Colerain Fire and Police are on scene this morning. The home will most likely be declared a total loss due to the extensive structural damage sustained in the fire.

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While crews were still on scene, additional Colerain Fire crews were dispatched to the 8700 block of Venus Lane for reports of a structural fire in the residences' bedroom. Due to multiple units remaining at the scene on Sheits Road, mutual aid units were also dispatched to the Venus Lane fire.

A North College Hill Fire unit was first on scene and reported heavy black smoke and flames from the rear bedroom of the single story residence. The residents of the home advised them that all occupants were out of the house. The fire was declared an offensive fire and an aggressive interior attack was begun with additional arriving units. The fire was quickly brought under control but required extensive overhaul.

Units from North College Hill, Springfield Township and Forest Park assisted on scene. The fire is still under investigation by Colerain Township Investigators. Damage to the structure and contents will exceed \$30,000. The Red Cross was called to assist in the displaced residents.

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.



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

Remember:

Identify any obstacles to timely mitigation

List any injuries and severity - both civilian and/or firefighter

REMEMBER: HIPAA does not allow any information relating to identifiable patient information.

It is OK to say one person was treated for smoke inhalation and transported in critical/stable condition to UC hospital, but remember that name, age, sex or other identifiable information given out could be a breach of HIPAA

Remember to include any hospital they were transported to or if treated on scene

Identify any unusual situations encountered

Types of incidents:

Structure Fire	Automatic Aid Structure Fire
Mutual Aid Structure Fire	Hazardous Material Incidents
Multi. Casualty	CO Incidents
Technical Rescue	Highway Incidents
Incidents of Public Interest	

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Example:

This is Battalion Chief Chuck Palm reporting on a one alarm fire in the 9100 block of Pippin Road that occurred on April 28th, 2013. At approximately 08:30 a.m. the Hamilton County Communications Center received a call for a possible structure fire in the basement of the residence located at the above address. Colerain fire units encountered a single story residential house with an obvious working fire in the rear of the structure coming from the basement. The home was evacuated prior to our arrival and all occupants were accounted for by the owner of the residence on scene.

Fire crews entered the structure through the walkout basement in the rear of the house and were able to bring the blaze under control in approximately 10 minutes. A small dog and cat were rescued from the first floor bedroom during search operations. Fire Units from Springfield Township and North College Hill assisted on scene with personnel and equipment.

Damage to the structure is estimated to be approximately \$15,000 and the family has been temporarily displaced. The American Red Cross is assisting the family with temporary housing. The cause of the fire is still under investigation although preliminary findings indicate the cause to be accidental. There were no injuries.

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