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## **Multiple Fires Keep Colerain Units Busy**

At approximately 115 this afternoon, Colerain fire units responded to a reported structure fire in the Attic of a residential home in the 8300 block of Althaus Rd. When firefighters arrived they encountered smoke coming from the eaves of the home which had already been evacuated by the owners. Realizing this was an attic fire the first units on scene made their way to the Attic where they encountered heavy fire. They began extinguishment knowing they had a limited water supply. This home is located approximately 3000 ft. off of the roadway which makes supplying water to firefighting equipment a major challenge.

Units from Whitewater, Green, Ross, and Morgan Townships provided equipment and manpower to assist Colerain firefighters. The fire was extinguished Within 15 minutes after their arrival. The Colerain Fire Investigative Unit (FIU) are currently investigating the cause of this fire which caused approximately \$40,000 in Damages to the structure and contents. There were no injuries reported at this fire.

At 9:15 p.m. this evening Colerain firefighters were dispatched to the 2400 block of Aquarius Dr. for an active fire inside the structure. Officers from the Colerain Police Department were already on scene conducting official business with the occupant of the residence when they noticed smoke coming from a locked bedroom where the occupant was reportedly hiding.

While the officers worked to access and subdue the occupant they noticed active fire inside the structure. The occupant was subdued and arrested by police officers from Colerain Township and Springfield Township. The police advised Hamilton County Communications Center that there was an active fire in the structure.

Colerain units arriving on scene found heavy fire from the rear of the structure and through the roof. Declaring a defensive strategy, the first arriving units concentrated on protecting the exposures, and knocking the fire down. After the fire was under control crews enter the structure and completed extinguishing the fire from the inside. Colerain Fire received assistance from Springfield Township, Mt. Healthy and North College Hill fire departments.

Fire damage is approximately \$30,000 to \$40,000. The Colerain FIU is currently on scene to determine the fire cause. Two police officers from Colerain Township and one police officer from Springfield Township were treated and transported to the hospital for smoke inhalation. At the writing of this release, the Springfield Township officer had already been discharged, the other two Colerain officers were still being treated.

Any additional information regarding any police concerns for this fire on Aquarius Drive will be referred to James love, the public information officer for the Colerain Township Police Department.

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