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30th Fire Academy Class Begins Today

CLEVELAND – The 30th Cleveland Fire Academy begins today with 40 new recruits who will undergo 18 weeks of rigorous training before graduation scheduled in November 2015. The new cadets will fill vacancies created by retirements and ensure that staffing levels remain consistent with the needs of the Cleveland community.

The comprehensive training program includes:

- Fire behavior
- Hands-on training with tools and equipment firefighters use daily
- All aspects of on-scene fire operations
- Building construction
- Apparatus operation and maintenance
- Rescue techniques; and,
- 130 hours in emergency medical care, certifying the recruits as Emergency Medical Technicians.

“These new recruits will be a welcome addition to the Division of Fire,” said Fire Chief Patrick J. Kelly. “Our goal is to deliver the most efficient and effective service possible to our community. We assist the Division of EMS in their mission responding to increasing medical needs while maintaining the fire and rescue operations required in a major metro city.”

“Our objective is to build upon the expertise of each division in Public Safety and create an all-hazards approach to fire, rescue and medical services delivered in the City of Cleveland” said Public Safety Director Michael McGrath.

About the Cleveland Division of Fire

The Cleveland Division of Fire has been serving the Community of Cleveland, Ohio for over 150 Years. The Division of Fire’s core values are centered around the protection of lives, property and the environment through preparedness, prevention, public education and emergency response; with an emphasis on quality services delivered efficiently, effectively and safely.