



**CITY OF CLEVELAND**  
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## **Division of Emergency Medical Service Graduates 5 Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics**

**CLEVELAND** – The City of Cleveland today graduated five emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics to help serve neighborhood residents. The new EMT staff is part of Mayor Frank G. Jackson’s effort to enhance the quality of life in Cleveland neighborhoods by maintaining staffing levels and reducing emergency response times.

[View photos](#) of the graduation ceremony. Download the program [here](#).

Friends, family and city staff gathered to attend the graduation ceremony today at Cleveland City Hall. Along with Mayor Jackson, local officials included Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Commissioner Nicole Carlton, Council President Kevin J. Kelley, Public Safety Director Michael McGrath, and Thomas Collins, M.D.

Services such as police, fire and EMS have all received significant increases in staff and equipment as a result of Issue 32. Cleveland EMS plans to continue filling paramedic and dispatcher positions in an effort to reduce response times and staff the ambulance services which have increased to 25 during the day-time shift and 21 at night.

These five new cadets are part of the on-going recruitment effort as the City moves forward to provide a higher quality of life for and meet the needs of our residents. These new EMTs and paramedics will continue intensive field training before they are released to full duty and will help to maintain full ambulance staffing levels.

### **About the City of Cleveland**

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