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Division of Emergency Medical Service Graduates 23 New Emergency Medical Technicians and Paramedics

Cadets will help increase critical services to Cleveland neighborhoods and improve response times

CLEVELAND – The [City of Cleveland](#) continues demonstrating its commitment to neighborhood residents today with the addition of 23 new emergency medical technicians (EMT) and paramedics. 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.

“The people of Cleveland expect and deserve the best trained and equipped emergency medical personnel and this graduating class is reflective of the training they received,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

Friends, family and city staff gathered to attend the graduation ceremony today at Cleveland City Hall. Along with Mayor Jackson, local officials included Councilman Matt Zone of Ward 15, Safety Director Michael McGrath, Public Safety Medical Director Dr. Thomas Collins and Emergency Medical Service (EMS) Commissioner, Nicole Carlton.

Services such as police, fire and emergency medical service are all receiving significant increases in staff and equipment as a result of the mayor's enhanced budget. Cleveland EMS will continue filling EMT, paramedic and emergency medical dispatcher positions to help reduce response times. The additional staff will also support the increased ambulance services (25 ambulances during the day-time shift and 21 ambulances during the night shift).

“The Cleveland EMS is committed to providing exemplary pre-hospital care in a professional and timely manner to the citizens and visitors of Cleveland,” said Commissioner Carlton. “The addition of our new first responders makes a significant difference in response time, performance and ultimately in saving lives.”

These new EMTs and paramedics will continue intensive field training before they are released to full duty and help to maintain full ambulance staffing levels.

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The names of the graduates are listed below:

• Ikechukwu Adigwe	• Colin Kopronica
• Zachary Banks	• Justin Lach
• Stephen Canty	• Nathan Madej
• Sarah Cohen	• Kate Meder
• Jordan Cree	• Victoria Miller
• Aidan Furlong	• DeAngelo Rembert
• Jeremy Gillespie	• Ethan Schilling
• Briana Hazelhurst-Davis	• Matthew Shields
• Raebeth Hughes	• Sean Van Niel
• Michael Humpal	• Khalil Whitworth
• Todd Kemp Jr.	• Wilson Woicehovich III
• Marvon Koonce	

For more information about the Cleveland Division of Emergency Medical Service visit www.city.cleveland.oh.us.

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