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City of Cleveland Welcomes 34 New Emergency Medical Service Cadets

Additional staff is a result of mayor's 2017 enhanced budget; will help improve critical services and response times to Cleveland neighborhoods

CLEVELAND, Ohio –The [City of Cleveland](http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us)'s Division of Emergency Medical Service (EMS) today welcomed a new class of cadets. Thirty-four cadets begin their 14-week in-class training program, followed by physical agility testing and field training. The new class is a direct result of [Mayor Frank G. Jackson's](http://www.city.cleveland.oh.us) enhanced budget and the passing of Issue 32.

“With this class of 34 cadets and the one following, EMS will have the capability to staff 22 ambulances during the day and 19 at night,” said Mayor Frank G. Jackson.

“Cleveland EMS is committed to providing the highest level of pre-hospital care to the citizens and visitors of Cleveland,” said EMS Commissioner Nicole Carlton. “Our new class of cadets will make a significant difference in response time, performance and saving lives.”

Once field training is complete, the additional 34 employees will allow EMS to staff 22 ambulances during the day and 19 at night, starting in the third quarter of 2017. This is an increase over the current 18 ambulances staffed 24 hours a day. The Division of EMS is also receiving five new ambulances to support the additional staff. Academy graduation is tentatively scheduled for mid- July.

Mayor Jackson, who announced his 2017 budget enhancements on February 1, promised Cleveland residents a renewed focus on critical services in area neighborhoods. Services such as police, fire and emergency medical services will all receive significant increases in staff and equipment as a result of Issue 32. Cleveland EMS plans to add a total of 60 new paramedics, eight dispatchers to reduce response times, four new captains to oversee field operations and five new ambulances.

For more information about the Cleveland Division of Emergency Medical Service, or Mayor Jackson's 2017 enhanced budget, visit www.city.cleveland.oh.us.

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