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Two Columbus Firefighters Injured Attempting to Rescue a Trapped Civilian UPDATE

Both firefighters have been released at this time.

Columbus firefighters responded to a house fire at 2930 Medina Ave on the north side at approximately 0421 hours. Upon arrival firefighters had a working fire in a one-story single family residence. Upon entering the structure firefighter Bryan Owens fell through a hole in the floor and was trapped between the first floor and basement, he was quickly rescued. Captain Rick Bianconne entered the rear of the structure and fell into the basement; he was also quickly rescued with the help of his crew. Firefighters were treated at the area hospitals, one has been released and the other will probably be released a little later.

A 53 year old woman perished in the fire. We currently have investigators on the scene to determine a cause of the fire. The estimated dollar loss is \$50,000. it has not been determined whether their were operating smoke detectors in the residence.

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