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Fire Division Receives Thermal Imagers

SPRINGFIELD, OH (Jan. 22, 2019) — The Springfield Fire *Rescue* Division has added thermal imagers to its equipment inventory, a technology that will save lives and aid in pinpointing hotspots when visibility is low.

Eight FLIR Systems thermal imagers will be operational this week. The handheld devices invoke infrared technology to locate heat sources when thick smoke limits visibility. The imagers allow users to see heat sources that are nearby, whether it's fire or a person trapped inside a burning structure.

“This technology will save lives and make us even more effective in knocking down fires,” said Chief Brian Miller, Springfield Fire *Rescue* Division. “These devices also help us stay safe in very dangerous situations.”

The devices were delivered to the Fire Division in January and staff underwent training in the systems earlier this week.