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OVER 100 FIREFIGHTERS FROM THREE COUNTIES TRAIN AT SUNY BROCKPORT

As the sun crept up over the trees this morning, firefighters from nine departments in Monroe, Orleans and Genesee Counties prepared to test their knowledge of high-rise firefighting on our SUNY Campus.

Brockport firefighters hosted a mutual aid drill in cooperation with the Safety Department at SUNY Brockport in a joint effort to assist the College in their safety inspections and testing of fire systems in their buildings while at the same time giving firefighters an opportunity to practice in an actual high rise facility. Companies from Hilton and Albion provided additional ladder trucks for the drill and Engine and Rescue companies from Churchville, Hamlin, Morton, Walker, Bergen and Spencerport were all summoned to share in this valuable learning opportunity.



Victims were placed in a variety of locations on upper floors, artificial non-toxic smoke was created, and firefighters staging at area Brockport stations were summoned to the scene. According to Chief Timothy J. Rombaut, of the Brockport Fire Department; "this is a unique opportunity offered by the College each year, and one the volunteers look forward to participating in". We work hard in the planning stages with the College staff each year to conduct different scenarios, so our personnel will never know quite what they are responding to in an effort to create a realistic exercise, and a meaningful training experience for them.

Scenarios this year encompassed ladder operations in a high rise, smoke conditions on floors above the ladders reach, standpipe operations, search and rescue and command post operations in a multi-jurisdictional response.

The Chief is very pleased with the response by both his personnel and those from the responding departments. While the hope in any training we conduct is that we will never have to put it to use, the reality is, we are working very hard to be prepared for whatever emergency we are faced with in our day to day responses in our respective communities.

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