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WIPP Firefighters Complete Fire Training

Members of the WIPP fire department recently participated in Live Fire Training at the Permian Basin Regional Training Center located south of Carlsbad, NM. Live Fire Training is a critical part of the training and certification process for WIPP firefighters and the facilities at the regional training center allowed the 29 participants to respond and fight fires in a realistic, but controlled environment.

The training required participants to solve unique problems associated with fires in different types of structures and rescue scenarios. "This type of training is invaluable for maintaining a state of readiness to respond to various emergencies both at the WIPP site and the surrounding area." Said Todd Davidson, WIPP Fire Chief.

The two-day training included a combination of classroom instruction and hands-on firefighting. Participants responded to burning structures using all the personal protective equipment, tools and appliances necessary to extinguish the fire. A certified instructor accompanied those entering the building to evaluate their techniques and provide feedback when the drill was complete.

WIPP continues to focus on improving safety and emergency response capabilities at the facility to better protect employees and the environment.



Firefighters rescue a mannequin from a burning building during live-fire exercise.

Next WIPP Town Hall Meeting Scheduled Thursday, June 2

The City of Carlsbad and DOE will co-host a special Town Hall meeting featuring an update on the approval and implementation of the Documented Safety Analysis (DSA). The DSA is the document that provides the foundation for all WIPP Safety Management Programs. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 2 at 5:30 p.m. Location: Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 101 N. Halagueno Street. Live streaming of the meeting can be viewed at <http://new.livestream.com/rrv/>.