

Fire fighters show their best in trial run



With his air pack on his back, Public Safety Officer Ray Lardie prepares to enter the smoking building. Sgt. Murray Switzer watches the ascent.



Sgt. Murray Switzer passes hose to Frank Lauhoff, who will spray the fire as Public Safety Officer Ray Lardie attempts to find the object of this week's drill, a doll.



Smoke in the building is so thick that Public Safety Officer Ray Lardie picks his way carefully into the second floor. The fire fighters are forced to use touch and hearing to find occupants, in this case, the doll.



After 48 seconds, Public Safety Officer Ray Lardie emerges from the smoke-filled second floor with the doll. The toy was hidden in a closet, a place fire officials say that children are apt to hide during a fire.



Farmington Fire Marshal Norm Maddison observes his men and equipment as he puts the three public safety shifts through their paces in the department's weekly drill. The men are timed on how quickly they can find an object in a smoke-filled residence. Maddison sets a metal drum on fire in the house to provide the dense smoke, simulating fire fighting conditions.

Given that Farmington fire fighters had to work 10 to 12 hours a day, the drill was a good idea, said Sgt. Murray Switzer.

They also had to be ready to respond to any emergency, said Public Safety Officer Ray Lardie, who was in charge of the drill.

One of the men, Sgt. Murray Switzer, and Public Safety Officer Frank Lauhoff, prepared the house, which was used for the drill.

More smoke was added to the house as officers tried to find the doll. The fire fighters were told to use their senses of touch and hearing to move their way around and find the object.

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The drill was one of the weekly practices the Farmington department holds to test its fire fighting skills.

The three public safety shifts are put through their paces by Farmington Fire Marshal Norm Maddison.

Each week, the men are timed on how

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The hero of the day is Sgt. Murray Switzer who carries away in his arms the baby doll.

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