

Emergency!

Firefighters take part in a cooperative mock disaster drill

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SOME OF the rumbles and dark clouds that filled the sky in Livonia Sept. 9-11 had nothing to do with the weather.

They accompanied examples of community nightmares — a gas leak here, a chemical fire there.

But these disasters were staged as part of a free training seminar presented by the Olin Corp., a pool chemical manufacturer with a plant at 35750 Industrial, Livonia.

The seminar took place at the Livonia fire station on Plymouth Road, west of Newburgh.

Participants heard lectures, saw films and underwent "hands-on" drills. The exercises were designed to prepare them to deal with a variety of situations.

"IT WAS an exceedingly good program," said Lt. Thomas Shurtleff of the Farmington Hills Fire Department. He was accompanied by firefighters Wally Kurzeja and Terry Helman, both members of the department's new special emergency response team.

Shurtleff particularly enjoyed the

outdoors training. "We handled cylinders, bottles, drums and kegs. And we did exercises while dressed in fully encapsulated suits, which are impervious to highly toxic or hazardous chemicals."

About 125 people from emergency response groups, environmental groups, chemical companies, pharmaceutical firms, hospitals, medical centers and police and fire agencies attended the sessions.

Invited to take part were representatives from 22 communities, including personnel from the fire departments of Livonia, Canton Township, Farmington Hills, Garden City, Plymouth, Redford, Southfield, Westland, Northville Township and Novi.

"I feel that thanks should be extended to the Olin Corp.," Livonia Fire Chief Barney Knorp said. "Hazardous material courses and training are in a very infantile stage in fire departments in the United States."

SHURTLEFF CALLED the seminar an example of the kind of special material programs that Farmington Hills has begun to send its special emergency response team members to.

The seminar was designed by Safety Systems Inc., a Florida company that specializes in practical training.

"What we try to do here is project awareness," said Bill Walters, manager of Safety Systems. "We're here trying to solve problems."

"We're trying to make people aware that if it (a chemical emergency) does happen here, they really do know what to do," said Halcott Foss, Olin plant manager.

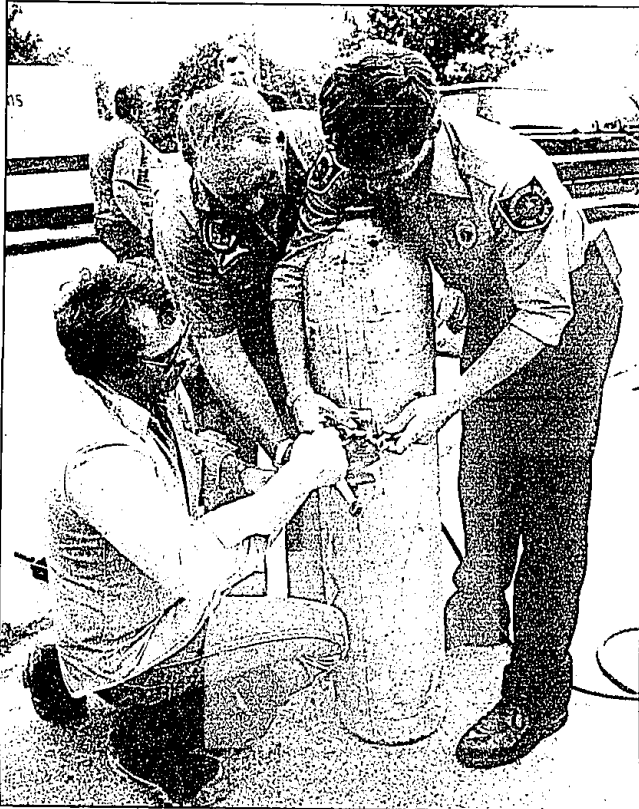
The program was a cooperative effort between the city of Livonia and the Olin Corp.

THE MOCK disasters included incidents both at fixed locations and on vehicles.

Participants learned how to stop a propane gas leak from a cylinder and to carry the cylinder on a make-shift stretcher to keep the plug from falling off.

"This is just like a sick patient in EMS," Walters said.

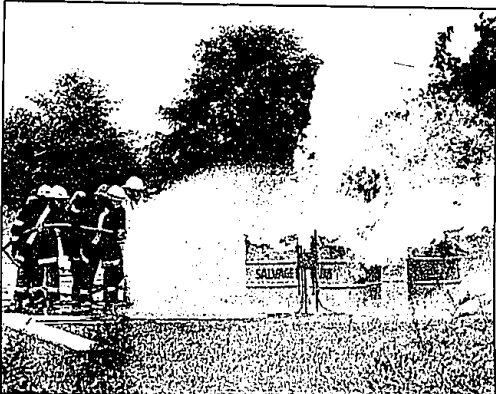
A smoke bomb was ignited in a hatch, simulating a chlorine gas leak from a railroad car. A team of three firefighters — usually all that would have room to work on an actual hatch — donned gas masks and suits to cap the leak.



Wyandotte firefighter Tom Rushing (left), Safety Systems training instructor Bill

Walters and Farmington Hills Fire Lt. Thomas Shurtleff patch a gas leak on a cylinder.

Firefighters (right) spray a shield of water at a gasoline fire so they can rescue a dummy. The simulated disaster helped rescue personnel learn what to do in case of an emergency.



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\$7-million bond issue for Farmington Hills road improvement projects

Tuesday, Sept. 23, 1986 — local precinct breakdown

Precincts	Yes	No
1. Power Middle School	17	7
2. Wheeler Fire Hall	15	16
3. Woodcreek School	13	23
4. Power Middle School	7	8
5. William Grace School	21	12
6. Larkshire School	17	15
7. Duncel Middle School	38	9
8. East Middle School	30	17
9. East Middle School	12	7
10. Duncel Middle School	49	11
11. North Farmington High School	52	32
12. East Middle School	20	18
13. William Grace School	8	2
14. Alameda School	10	13
15. Gill School	18	6
16. Fairview School	16	2
17. Alameda School	11	5
18. Lutheran High School	16	16
19. Forest School	78	17
20. Fire headquarters	109	6
21. Duncel Middle School	71	18
22. North Farmington High School	30	12
23. Kenbrook School	20	12
24. Independence Green Clubhouse	18	8
25. Gill School	31	4
26. Hope Lutheran Church	37	2
27. Universalist Unitarian Church	3	0
Absentee voter ballots	1,768	745
Totals		
Registered voters, 42,254; actual voters, 2,546; turnout percentage, 6 percent		
Vote counts are unofficial.		

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