



Press Release

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RESCUE TASK FORCE (RTF) TRAINING

On Monday April 24th a multi-agency training exercise was completed at the Lemont High School. Members of the Lemont Police Department, Lockport Police Department, Romeoville Police Department, Lemont Fire Protection District and the faculty of Lemont High School all participated in an active shooter drill.

Over the past several years the fire service has been called upon to respond to and treat victims of active shooter incidents. Incidents such as school, night club, theatre, workplace and other random shootings have taken many lives. The fire and police services have evaluated their response to these incidents and have begun to establish response and treatment protocols to assist in saving the lives of these victims.

The Lemont Fire Protection District and the Lemont Police Department identified the need to establish operating guidelines and obtain the necessary equipment that would allow both agencies to effectively respond to and treat victims of active shooter incidents. The Lemont Fire Protection District utilized grant funding to purchase protective ballistic equipment and the required medical equipment necessary for response to these types of incidents. In addition, the Lemont Fire Protection District will be training all response personnel in the Rescue Task Force response concepts.

