

Fire Training Site

The Hutchinson Fire Training Site is a regional training facility. Progressive fire departments from not only the immediate area train at this site, but also as far away as White Bear Lake, Minnesota and Mankato, Minnesota regularly train here

The training site was built in 2002 with a total construction cost of \$950,000; of that amount \$250,000 came in the form of a grant from the MN Department of Public Safety. The Hutchinson Training Site is the only training site in the region that provides unlimited scenario based training opportunities for emergency responders

Training Tower

The four story training tower gives emergency responders the opportunity to practice such training exercises as high level rescue, search and rescue, ladder work, hose advancement, rappelling, and also provides the opportunity to conduct live high level burn training on the third floor.



Search and Rescue Houses

The two search and rescue houses on site provide the opportunity to conduct real search and rescue operations. Each house has an artificial smoke system to simulate the smoke conditions encountered in real life situations; each house has built-in barriers and obstacles to overcome in searching for possible trapped or unconscious victims. Obviously we do not allow live fire training in these houses



Live Burn Trailers

The three live burn containers allow the fire departments to train on level one, level two, and second story or basement live fires. Each live burn container has partitions to simulate different scenarios. For firefighter safety all live fires are conducted with a Class A material only, two means of escape, and a rapid intervention team on standby.



Auto Extrication/Vehicle Fire Area

Vehicle rescue is a vital service fire departments provide. This site allows fire departments to hands-on train cutting a vehicle apart to perfect the theory of “removing the vehicle from the victim, not the victim from the vehicle.” This also provides fire departments to train on firefighter safety when dealing with the possibility of exploding airbags and exploding struts under hood, trucks and bumpers.

This area also provides the opportunity to safely extinguish vehicle fires and investigate the cause.



Hazardous Material Training

The hazardous material training area gives emergency responders an opportunity to suit-up, stop leaks, shut valves down, and lay foam in a confined space. This type of hands-on training cannot be duplicated in a classroom



Confined Space Rescue

The challenge of training on confined space rescue is to have a “safe” confined vessel to actually practice on. The container in the Hutchinson training site has met that requirement and still allows a measure of practical hands-on training.

