

Training heats up at Rio Rico Fire District

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The Rio Rico Fire District recently received a state-of-the-art firefighter training simulator developed by Fireblast 451 Inc. This training system is the first in Santa Cruz County, and will be used to help save lives, by providing live fire training and hands-on tactical experience in a safe and controlled environment.



This training system is the first in Santa Cruz County and will be used to help save lives. Contributed photo.

Funding in the amount of \$371,61000 for this unit was from a grant from the Department of Homeland Security, FEMA, under the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program.

“Most firefighters only gain live fire experience in stressful real life situations”, stated Capt. David Aho, training coordinator for the district.

The Fireflash II provides firefighter training for assignments they are required to perform during a real fire situation. It is environmentally safe and propane is used to produce the fire. Because the unit will shut down if temperatures get too high, it is a safer than traditional training.

Safety first

“Live fire training is essential to the safety of our firefighters serving the community,” Aho said. “In emergency and rescue situations, firefighters literally have to rely on their training, their instincts and their experience.”

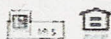
Invitations will go out in January to surrounding fire agencies to demonstrate the capabilities of this training simulator.

For more information, call Patricia Hilton at (520) 281-8421 or Capt. David Aho at (520) 281-8194.

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