

PRESS RELEASE

City of Tifton Fire Department Opens New Burn Building Training Facility



Figure 1: Firefighters performing a live burn training in new facility

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TIFTON, Ga. – The City of Tifton's Fire Department unveiled a new burn building training facility in January.

This type of hands-on fire training can save the lives of firefighters by providing them scenarios that they may face in the field.

Fire Chief Bobby Bennett remarked, "This is a critical training prop that is as realistic as we can get to an actual structure fire. We are very blessed to have a city council that supports our vision and mission."

Featuring three levels, multiple doors, windows, chimney vents, and movable indoor walls, the training building can be maneuvered to run various training scenarios. The burn building is a three-story structure that illustrates what it takes to manipulate stairwells like you may find in some homes and motels.

The burn building is constructed of recycled shipping containers and will last for 1,000 evolutions, training both veteran and future firefighters to come.

Acting City Manager Larry Lawrence stated, "The number one priority of the Tifton City Council is the safety of its citizens, with a well-trained and well-equipped fire department. The new training facility should have a significant impact on maintaining a low ISO rating for fire protection in Tifton." City Manager Lawrence added, "The ISO fire protection rating is a major factor in determining premiums that insurance companies charge for homeowners insurance, and should help in maintaining lower premiums for the citizens of Tifton."

Tifton's Fire Department trained in their new burn building training facility for the first time January 13 and 14. The new training building is located at the Fire Department's Training Site on Old Omega Road.

The Tifton Fire Department provides protection for life, property, and the environment from the ravages of fire and other disasters, natural or man-made, with the best trained personnel possible in a prompt and professional manner for the citizens of Tifton. To learn more about Tifton's Fire Department, please visit: www.tifton.net/182/Fire-Department.

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