



WESTON CERT HOSTS REGIONAL DISASTER DRILL

WESTON REGIONAL PARK TRANSFORMED SITE OF “MASS CASUALTIES” SMALL PLANE CRASH WITH MULTIPLE VICTIMS

BSO Fire Rescue & Emergency Services and the Weston Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) hosted a CERT Regional Training Drill at the Weston Regional Park on Sunday, May 21, 2016.

Members of CERT are your neighbors – ordinary men and women who have completed training, provided free of charge by BSO Fire Rescue, on disaster response skills such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.



After some classroom review and enhanced training, CERT members received their activation notification and deployed to the site strewn with victims from a fictitious small plane crash. CERT members implement the Incident Command System, conducted a scene size-up, performed mass casualty triage, fire suppression and search and rescue.

Following a large scale incident such as a hurricane, local emergency responders can initially become overwhelmed. CERT members apply their training to give critical support in the immediate area until help arrives. Members also assist with non-emergency projects that improve the safety of the community.

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All victims went through a Moulage staging prior to being sent out in the field, to replicate the many wounds that emergency responders would need to address in such a disaster.





“Victims” were briefed on what injuries and vitals to present to responders as CERT members practiced their skills, assessing medical need levels, providing disaster first aid and transporting victims out of harm’s way. As it is with professional Fire Rescue personnel, training helps hone skills and allows for consistent delivery of learned skills and protocols.





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Training is FREE.
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