

FDNY Firefighter for a Day-- Corporate Team Challenge

On September 30, 2011, the FDNY Foundation again hosted the popular FDNY Corporate Team Challenge. The program was designed to share FDNY best practices in teamwork, crisis management and leadership skills with corporation employees. The corporate personnel learn these skills by going through eight hands-on firefighting drills. They are put into crisis situations to better prepare them to handle crises that arise in the work place. Many of the same skills needed to be successful in the

business world are transferable and can be learned from FDNY members.

Is the Challenge well-received? See for yourself as you view photographic details of the events, depicting the various evolutions completed by the corporate personnel.

Two future Corporate Team Challenges are scheduled for April 27, and May 4, 2012. For more information, visit www.fdnf-foundation.org or call 718-999-0779.



Unconscious Firefighter--In this scenario, participants are taken outside their comfort level to test their leadership and teamwork skills. They learn how to keep their cool under pressure and create order out of chaos.



Terrorist Bus Bombing--During this evolution, participants learn about situational awareness. They need to identify potential threats and assess the scene to determine if it is safe to approach.



Motivational Alley--Firefighters rely heavily on their team, especially when operating a hose-line. Participants learn how important it is to work together and motivate the team for success.



Rescue Extrication--Through the use of effective communication, the participants work as a team to free the victims as quickly and safely as possible.

Subway Rescue--When the FDNY responds to a subway incident, members must make split-second decisions in a high-stakes environment. This evolution is designed to show participants how to make the proper decision when it really counts.



Car Fire--During this scenario, participants learn how to function as a team. They must work together to extinguish the flames.



Forcible Entry--In this evolution, participants work as a team to force the door. This activity cannot be done by just one person. Participants must work together and communicate in order to achieve the objective.



Structure Fire--Participants experience firsthand what FDNY Firefighters encounter on a daily basis. Participants use their teamwork, leadership, decision-making and communication skills to complete this task.

