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Cherryfield puts burn trainer inservice

By **MATT FAHEY** Correspondent
1st Responder Network

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CHERRYFIELD, ME - In March of 2007 the Cherryfield Fire Department submitted an AFG grant for a live mobile firefighting trainer. The cost of the unit came in at a staggering \$360,000. For a department with an annual operating budget in the 35k range this would be an imposable request for the town to fund. Do to the complete lack of a facility capable to safely conduct live fire training within one-hundred miles of town we felt it would be a worthy request, so we took the chance. In November of 07 we received word we had been approved to receive the grant. Bids were requested and the specs were reviewed. In December of 07 the contract was awarded to Kidde Fire Trainers with an expected delivery of early summer 08. In September 08, a few months behind schedule, but well worth the wait our unit showed up with a full department escort into town.



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the entire department went thru days upon day of set-up and operations training, followed by weeks of practice, and finished up with a 3 day NFPA Instructor class. With winter looming the department decided to offer the use of the unit and our newly trained instructors to a few of our mutual aid departments before closing the unit up for the winter.

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Sunday morning November 9th, Milbridge, Steuben, and Harrington fire departments showed up at the fire station in Cherryfield ready to train. Preburn briefs and a safety walk-thru was conducted, teams were assigned apparatus, equipment, and gear was readied and training commenced. Over the course of about 6 hours 25 firefighters all had multiple chances to conduct interior attacks, complete searches, throw ladders, run pumps, conduct perimeter walk arounds, act as safety offices, incident commanders, and more. The training consumed over 50 SCBA bottles and went off without a hitch.

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In the spring the department plans on offering the use of the unit to any department that would like it. For more information departments can e-mail the Cherryfield department at info@cherryfieldfire.com or visit our web site @ Cherryfieldfire.com.

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