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***Employees Try Their Hand at Fire Fighting***

Dublin, OH – Washington Township Fire Department is helping to make Dublin businesses safer for employees and their customers by training staff on the use of fire extinguishers.

Using the Fire Department's specialized piece of equipment called a Fire Extinguisher Tutor, Inspector Bob Westbrook puts students' classroom knowledge to work on a real fire. The Tutor is fueled by propane and is controlled by a hand-held switch.

"This equipment gives participants a life-like experience in a safe environment," said Inspector Westbrook.

The Fire Department's extinguisher training session begins with a classroom presentation, when students learn about the different types of fire extinguishers and the P.A.S.S. procedure. P.A.S.S. is an acronym for Pull, Aim, Squeeze, Sweep, the four steps students follow during their firefighting scenario with the Tutor.

"Describing how to use a fire extinguisher and using one are really quite different," said Westbrook. The Tutor also helps Westbrook address participants' different learning styles and keeps the class interesting.

"Some businesses take advantage of our service every year," said Fire Marshal Alan Perkins. "We believe that those who are trained and have had experience using a fire extinguisher are more likely to act quickly and safely in a fire emergency."

The Washington Township Fire Department offers fire extinguisher training to any business or adult group in Dublin and the unincorporated Township. The only fee for the program is the cost of fire extinguisher use.

To schedule a fire extinguisher training class, call Inspector Westbrook at 614-652-3933 or request a program online at [www.wtwp.com](http://www.wtwp.com).