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Woodland Fire Department Participates in Training Burn at U.C. Davis

The Woodland Fire Department participated in a training burn Wednesday morning on the U.C. Davis campus. The U.C. Davis Fire Department acquired a single-story residential structure on campus on CR 98, south of Hutchison Road, in which to conduct the training and the burn. The invitation to participate came to Woodland Fire Chief Tod Reddish prompting Reddish and Training Chief Jim Burau to drive down to UCD to view the structure and pre-plan the event with UC Davis Assistant Chief Nate Trauernicht.

The Fire Department sent an engine company down to the training as well as a water tender to support water supply efforts during the burn. Firefighters from UC Davis and West Plainfield also participated. Firefighters were broken up into teams and rotated through various evolutions including fire attack, rehabilitation, and rapid intervention crew (team required to stand-by outside for potential firefighter rescue).

Also joining the Woodland Fire Department in this training event was Woodland Mayor Skip Davies and Councilmember Martie Dote. Davies' visit was brief as he had another engagement to attend, but Dote had prepared to stay for the entire event. Dote was fitted with a complete ensemble of firefighting clothing and was guided throughout the morning by Woodland Fire Captain Eric Zane. While Dote was not allowed to enter the structure while it was actually burning, she was able to watch all of the pre-burn evolutions leading up to the burn, each rotation of the firefighters through each burn, and was able to enter the structure in between burns to see and smell the devastation fire leaves behind. Dote was allowed to wear and use a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) while outside in clean air just to experience how a firefighter must breathe during a fire.

UC Davis may be hosting another burn in the near future and Councilmember Dote is ready to go again.

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