

News Release

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Structural Collapse Drill Follows Haiti Earthquake

A timely technical rescue drill following the Haiti earthquake. Tomorrow firefighters from Clark County Fire District 6 and Vancouver Fire Department will practice rescuing victims from a collapsed multiple level structure. The drill will begin at 9:30am tomorrow at the Westside Water Treatment Plant in downtown Vancouver. This is a regularly scheduled drill that just happened to coincide with the devastating quake in Haiti. Tomorrow's drill will give you an up close look at how first responders prepare for and respond to disasters, such as earthquakes, that would cause structures to collapse. District 6 firefighters are part of the Southwest Washington Region 4 Technical Rescue Team which is also made up of Vancouver firefighters. Structural collapse is one of six disciplines the team practices, the others being high and low-angle rope rescue, water rescue, confined space rescue, urban search and rescue, and trench rescue.

This information is not to be broadcast until after 9:30am tomorrow since most of the details of the drill have been purposely withheld from the technical rescue team.

What: Structural Collapse Drill

Where: Westside Water Treatment Plant, 2223 W. Mill Plain, 98660

When: Friday, January 22, 2010 @ 9:30am

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