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### Trinity County Firefighters Complete Live Fire Training

Sixty Firefighters from Trinity County spent Saturday attending a live fire training sponsored by the Western Propane Gas Association. Students from Hyampom VFD, Post Mountain VFD, Hayfork VFD, Douglas City VFD, Lewiston VFD, Junction City VFD, Salyer VFD, Weaverville VFD, Cal Fire and USFS participated in this training session. In addition four students from the Cottonwood Fire Department drove up for the training. The instructors for this event all work for various propane companies in Northern California with many of them being Volunteer Firefighters. This course is offered all through the State of California by this group. The propane and truck operator for this event was donated by Amerigas of Weaverville.

This six hour training session began with a two hour lecture that reviewed the properties of propane, transportation methods and how to handle propane emergencies. Then students were broken into teams of five to deal with two live fire training props. These props simulated two situations that Firefighters may encounter in our rural setting. Firefighters dressed in Full Protective Gear with Self Contained Breathing Apparatus used hose streams to provide protection from the heat as they advanced to the damaged storage tank to shut-off the supply of burning propane. As these teams completed their evolution they went through a rehabilitation station to have their vital signs monitored by Trinity County Life Support Paramedics and Emergency Medical Technicians.