

Burn to Learn



From September 9th through September 11th, Portland Fire & Rescue (PF&R) conducted “Burn to Learn” live fire training exercises in North Portland.

PF&R burned three donated houses, one each day. Located at the intersection of N. Maryland Avenue and N. Prescott Street, the block is being cleared for a construction project. The burns began at about 9:00 am and smoke was intermittent throughout the day until the final burn down late each afternoon.

“Burn to Learn” exercises provide extremely valuable and controllable training scenarios for new firefighters. Several fires were set, one at a time, in each structure to give firefighters a wide variety of problems to solve. For example, attacking a fire in a basement takes different techniques, strategies, and equipment, than a fire that originates in an attic space.

Portland Fire & Rescue would like to thank Sierra Construction for this opportunity to train the next generation of Portland firefighters.