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VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS RECEIVE HAZMAT TRAINING

Muscatine Fire holds class to assist area personnel with their Firefighter I certification

MUSCATINE, Iowa – Volunteer firefighters from Fruitland, Montpelier, Buffalo, and Blue Grass received Hazardous Material (Hazmat) training from the Muscatine Fire Department (MFD) as part of their Firefighter 1 curriculum recently. The 16-hour course on Hazmat Operations was held Saturday at Station 2 in Muscatine.

“This is part of the 160-hour Firefighter 1 program that they need to be certified by the State of Iowa,” Jason Vershoore, Fire Mechanic and Fire Inspector for the MFD, said.

Vershoore was also the lead instructor for the class and was assisted by Firefighter Craig Chelf.

This is the second year that the MFD has conducted the three-day class to help the volunteer firefighters earn their certification.

Vershoore, and other Muscatine firefighters, conduct the class on their off-days.

“I think they all enjoyed themselves,” Vershoore said of those attending the class.

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