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Live-fire exercises are an important part of keeping firefighters up to date on their training throughout the year.

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like that, it layers, so everybody is going to get in there and simulate that layer," said Fire Chief David Dyer. "We are going to build that fire, and they

will be able to see the smoke come down, because people need to understand that if they disturb that layer in the wrong way, it's going to stir it all up.

"We need people to understand what that looks like without actually having to go in a house. Once that's done, we are going to go in there with two teams that fight the fire."

The overall importance of the training was to re-enforce training and teach the firefighters the best way to work with a structure fire, ensuring that they know exactly what to look for to keep them safe and effectively solve the problem as a team.

"The most important part is to learn how a fire reacts in a building and how the smoke is going to react in the building," said Dyer. "When they go in and actually fight fire and put water on it, it's important to see how that fire is going to react so they can safely put it out."

"If you don't put water on it correctly, you could steam yourself, you could cause it to get worse, so there's a lot of dynamics in there that people aren't going to know unless they actually go into a structure fire."

Added Dyer, "What we want this thing to be is something to where they go in, and practice and practice, and say whether or not something works good to put out the fire. They've all had experience on it, but unless you go into an actual structure fire, you don't know fully what to expect, because there's nothing like the real thing."

The training area itself has been put together over the last three months, and it still needs a little work before

the Fire Department can do a complete simulation with every aspect of their facility.

While this was the first time the practice occurred, the Fire Department plans to utilize

the facility to completely train their team and others moving forward.

## UCES December 2018 Students of the Month



(L-R) front: Cody Dupuis, Nathan Webster, Hudson Collins, Kate Barrett, Mackenzie Garrett, Gabby Nichols, Mason Stephens, Emry Sosensky and Ivey Carpenter; middle: Tegan Nelson, Jaden Lee, Ricky Kelly, Adriona Famal, Gaby Jimenez, Emily Steele, McKenna Hood, Evelyn Godinez and Chase Payne; back: Michael Lindsey, Lillie Kansier, Max Sisenstein, Abigail Walker, Ada Massey, Layla Stepp, Kaden Lariscy, Lily Underwood, Trent Webster and Maggie McClure; not pictured: Maggie Carroll and Kaitlyn Cushing

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