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MFD RESCUE TEAM CONDUCTS HIGH ANGLE TRAINING

HIRT members train to rescue “victim” on MPW water tower Monday

MUSCATINE, Iowa – The Muscatine Fire Department (MFD) Hazardous Incident Response Team (HIRT) conducted a high angle rescue drill at the Muscatine Water Tower located off of the U.S. Highway 61 By-pass Monday (Sept. 12) with the cooperation of Muscatine Power & Water (MPW).

The exercise simulated a HIRT member going down to rescue an individual who had fallen and was injured while painting the outside of the water tower approximately 150 feet about ground level. The objectives of the exercise were to perform a knot pass, unload a system, and perform a pick off of a victim on the outside of the water tower. Several HIRT members also rappelled down the outside of the water tower.





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HIRT takes the knowledge gained from these exercises and provides training to MFD shift members.

HIRT and MFD continually train for a variety of high-risk rescues including high-angle rescues, ice/water rescues/ trench rescues. Firefighters also train in auto extrication, fire prevention, fire suppression, hazardous materials, and ambulance transport.

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