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**PUTTING SEARCH AND RESUE TRAINING TO THE TEST**

SUFFOLK, Virginia (December 21, 2011) The Southside Regional Fire Academy is currently conducting classes in Suffolk, and the students will be able to put some of their skills to the test in the field on Wednesday, December 21st. Part of their sixteen hour training in “Search and Rescue for First Responder” class will culminate in an exercise including search simulation and locating and treating a “victim”. Class members have recently completed their EMT basic class, and they can practice in the field what they’ve learned in the classroom. Five instructors, including officials from the State Search and Rescue Training Program, have worked with the 28 recruits, 27 of whom are newly hired Suffolk Fire & Rescue personnel. Topics covered include the four core elements of search and rescue, which include locate, access, stabilize and transport, as well as land navigation and map skills.

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