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MCFD Training Photos Online

Michigan City, IN (July 23, 2003) – Mayor Chuck Oberlie joined Fire Chief Ralph Martin to announce that several albums of Michigan City Fire Department photographs are now available on the official Michigan City website.

“Our firefighters average a total of 11,000 hours of training each year,” Mayor Oberlie said, “to assure that they are prepared for whatever types of emergencies may occur. Michigan City is home base for highly professional firefighters, First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians whose skills and dedication to service protect everyone in our community.”

Chief Martin said, “We stage mock drills in different climates and involving different types of situations so that we are prepared should the real thing happen. We had a mock drill involving an accident with a South Shore train on 11th Street, a fire drill on the dock in Trail Creek near the Coast Guard station, and two ice rescue drills. We held one ice rescue training session on the lake at the Isaac Walton facility and one near the US Coast Guard Station in Washington Park. The ice at Isaac Walton was relatively thin, but we had to use chain saws to cut through the thick ice on Trail Creek. The two locations provided us with completely different training situations to deal with.”

“It is a privilege for me to be working with the professional firefighters of Michigan City,” said Chief Martin, “as we continue working to save lives and protect property.”

Visit www.emichigancity.com/cityhall/departments/fire/index.htm to view photo albums of Ice Rescue Training at USCG and at Isaac Walton, South Shore train mock drill, and dockside fire drill. Also included are photo albums of the Michigan City Fire Department's lunch at Marsh Elementary School and a children's tour of Michigan City Fire Department Station #4.

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