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Information Bulletin: VRE Exercise

Exercise Challenges Franconia Officers

On Saturday, November, 13, members of the Franconia District Station responded to the area of Fleet Drive and Franconia Road for a Virginia Railway Express (VRE) train derailment. At least that's what officers thought they would find when they arrived on the scene. Instead, there was a training exercise complete with mock victims and massive response by fire and police. Officers helped "victims" off the train and assisted with traffic control.

Captain Shawn Bennett, Commander of the Franconia District Station, said, "The VRE exercise was a good opportunity for the police department to train with our public safety partners in a simulated mass casualty incident. The ability to test and practice our first responder skills in such an exercise will help prepare us for critical incidents in the future."

The exercise used role players as live victims, which enhances the quality of the training, and allowed multiple agencies to experience, as closely as possible, the dynamic challenges they would face should such a disaster occur in Fairfax County.

The VRE, Fairfax County Police Department, Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department and other agencies worked together to use and evaluate equipment and personnel to rescue the victims.

Photos below:



Exercise scene



Prep to enter the scene



Victims on train



Victims taken off train by Franconia Officers



Victim triage

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