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## News Release

### Waupun Fire Department Hosts Live Fire Training

The Waupun Fire Department in partnership with the Wisconsin Propane Education and Research Council (WiPERC) is holding a live fire training on, Monday, June 15th, 2015 at 6:00 PM. Approximately 50 fire fighters from the Waupun Fire Department and surrounding fire departments are expected to attend. At times during the training area residents may see flames shooting 20 feet and more into the air. Local media and other observers are welcome to watch the live fire training beginning at approximately 7 PM, but they must remain at a safe distance from the props and spray from the hoses. The hands on training will take place across from the Waupun Community Center on Spring Street.

The propane for this training is being provided Milton Propane who is a member of the Wisconsin Propane Gas Association and participates in the propane industry check-off program which pays for this training.

The training begins with an hour of classroom instruction on the physical properties of propane and how to handle and approach a fire involving propane. Training participants then move outdoors to don their gear and divide into teams of five to work with live fire scenarios including a grill, forklift, bulk tank, and propane terminal piping props. All hands-on training is overseen by Wisconsin Certified Fire Instructors and conducted in accordance with NFPA 1403.

The WiPERC contracts with Fire LLC of Green Bay, WI to provide the instructors and the fire scenarios. The Waupun Fire Department is providing local coordination and the location for the classroom and live training. The WiPERC estimates the value of this training is \$2,500 to \$3,000 depending on the size of the group trained and the number of trainers required. The fire departments that participate are responsible for any stipends or salaries which are paid to fire department personnel who attend the training.





The Wisconsin Propane Education and Research Council is the education foundation of the Wisconsin Propane Gas Association (WPGA). Funds for the propane training come from a national check-off program which Wisconsin propane retailers participate in. All money from this check-off program must be spent on safety and training for propane retailers, their employees and their customers.

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