

Upton Hall ‘fire’ serves as training for employees, first responders

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Carlisle Barracks fire fighters respond to a mock fire in Upton Hall, aimed to help make sure all employees of the building knew what to do in the event of an actual event.



Employees leave Upton Hall as they walk to their rally point for accountability.

Residents of Upton Hall calmly gathered their things and streamed out of the building to walk to their rally points after fire alarms alerted them to a fire in the building April 23.

While the actions were real, the fire was not, it was an unannounced drill to make sure all employees of the building knew what to do in the event of an actual event that caused the evacuation of Upton Hall and a need to set up operations at an off-site location.

The exercise is part of the year-long program that allows not only the post emergency managers and first responders refine their skills, but provides valuable training for employees as well.

“These exercises help us evaluate how well our plans work, to see where we need to improve and to make sure that our employees know what to do in the event of this type of situation,” said Barry Shughart, Installation

Emergency manager. We hope that even in the chaos of an actual incident folks 'muscle memory' kicks in and folks remember their training. The best way to do that is to keep it fresh in their minds with these types of exercises."

This and other small exercise will lead up to the installations full-scale exercise, scheduled for this July.

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