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Civil Air Patrol Cadets Participate in Whitehouse Station Fire Drill

On September 19, the Civil Air Patrol Delaware Valley Composite Squadron cadets became "victims" of a simulated house fire during a drill with the Whitehouse Station Fire Company.

A small house on Coddington Road became the scene of a mock house fire in which four cadets – Cadet Stephen Pettit, Cadet Patrick Brennan, Cadet Nick Biondo and Cadet Robbie Regan – became "trapped" inside the burning building. A portable fog machine provided the smoke for the fire and each cadet was assigned an injury with directions on how to represent each injury upon their being rescued from the building.

Once the cadets were in place, the call went out that the drill had begun and the first unit to respond was met with CAP Senior Member Chris Casey's simulated scenario: "The homeowner's son was having a sleepover and he was not sure how many kids were actually in the building." Within 15 minutes of the drill's official start, the cadets were rescued and received the medical attention required for their individual injuries. Once the cadet "victims" were safe and out of harms way, the fire squad continued its training by cutting open the roof, breaking out the windows and opening up the walls.

"Being a resident of Readington Township, it was really neat to see how proficient, professional and quick these men and woman are," said CAP Cadet Nick Biondo. "I'm glad to know they have my back."

Thank you to both the Whitehouse Station Fire Company and the Civil Air Patrol cadets for their dedication to their communities.

For more information about the Civil Air Patrol or the Delaware Valley Squadron, please go to the Website at:

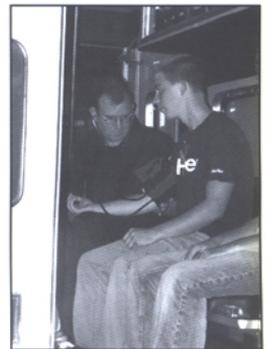
delval.njwg.cap.gov or contact the Squadron Commander, Captain Shannon Bingert at: shnin6@msn.com.



From left: Cadet Robbie Regan, Cadet Stephen Pettit, Cadet Patrick Brennan, Cadet Nick Biondo, Senior Member Captain Shannon Bingert, Senior Member Lt. Bill Pittenger. Kneeling is Senior Member Chris Casey



Whitehouse Station Fire Company volunteers get into the action at the September drill.



Cadet Brennan is being examined by a Whitehouse EMT.