

life or death drama

and then split into handling the injured and dousing the flames.

Passersby were entranced at the activity and the crowd grew, as at most fires. But many did not realize it was a drill, because of the real

flames, the made-up victims and the professional attitude exhibited by firefighters,

medics and ambulance personnel.

Working by radio with area hospitals (as in a real

situation), all the victims were taken to Gresham Community Hospital. There, nurses aides had been notified and were ready to accept the incoming injured.

The victims, tagged and numbered, were rolled into the emergency room for treatment. Each victim was identified for symptoms and then the care which would ensue was explained.

The entire drill was a part of the Gresham Fire Department's participation in Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 9-15.



ABOVE, GRESHAM Assistant Fire Chief Merle Frank adds fuel to the fire to get the drill started. Right, Jack Layton struggles to regain his breath after dragging a victim from the smoke-filled house while Dick Jones reaches out in assistance. Far right, Firefighter Gordon Lehr cradles the head of Todd Beasley while administering life-saving techniques.



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LEFT, VICTIMS were rushed to Gresham Community Hospital and unloaded for medical care. Below, a nurse hurries one of the victims to the emergency room.



ABOVE, SAWING by the seat of his pants, one firefighter gains leverage from another while searching for last remains of the fire.