



LEFT: Astoria police personnel practice water rescues at the East End Mooring Basin. RIGHT: Astoria police officer Levi Winfrey participates in an exercise in the use of less-lethal weapons at a shooting range.

TRAINING ON LAND AND WATER

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When police and firefighters answer a call, they never know exactly what scenario they will encounter. But, after a recent training session, Astoria emergency responders will be better prepared, whether on land or water. They spent part of the day training on how to throw a lifeline to a victim in the water. Then they practiced at a range with less-lethal weapons, which use ammunition intended to incapacitate or stun without causing fatal injuries.



Astoria police, emergency medical technicians and firefighters toss lifelines toward a target buoy at the East End Mooring Basin.



LEFT: Jason Robinson, right, watches as Michael Groat practices using a less-lethal weapon at the shooting range. RIGHT: Jason Robinson, right, prepares to teach a class on the use of less-lethal weapons to members of the Astoria police and fire departments.