

Upriver from 1A

critical to that success. "Often during the training, you could hear the firefighters commenting about how good it was to train with others who'd they never worked with before," Warren said. The students went through several scenarios, including full attacks on simulated burning structures, which required various ways to obtain water for their pumps and water tenders. "They were able to work together through various challenges to receive optimum results," Warren said. The temperature and conditions during the Upriver Academy were challenging, as it reached close to 90 degrees during the day. The three days of training were considered a success by Warren. "The purpose of the Upriver Academy was essen-

tially to work together and the training is geared toward getting local volunteers to FF1 level. This type of training is perfect since it builds *esprit de corps* and channels those who aren't FF1s to strive towards it," Warren said. He said the training was successful and the Swisshome and Deadwood volunteers learned a lot of essential information. "This went amazingly well," Warren said. "You could tell from the excitement of each of the departments, something special was happening. It was a great opportunity for mutual aid partners to gain insight on the methods each uses. It also solidified the willingness to work together." Siuslaw Valley will be holding additional training throughout the year for FF1s, EMTs and more. For additional information, visit svfr.org.



PHOTOS BY PETE WARREN

Volunteer firefighters from the Deadwood and Swisshome areas work together and with Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue to perform rescue simulations and complete interagency training. A SAFER grant allowed the Upriver Academy to take place in the weeks before June 24.



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