



Allegany County District 4 Firefighters Conduct Mass Casualty Drill

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It's a scary, but all-too-real possibility: a major fire in a campus dormitory sending multiple victims to area hospitals. According to a report by CampusFireSafety.org – April, 2006; Between January 2000 and April 26, 2006 the Center has identified 87 campus-related fire fatalities that included students, parents and children. It's a potentially deadly scenario that District IV Fire and EMS personnel staged Saturday to test its ability to care for mass casualties.



Alfred Station Firefighters Donn Lang and Evan Wachs carry mock victim from Baressi Hall during Mass Casualty Drill conducted on the AU campus in Alfred

Firefighters from Allegany County District IV (which is comprised from North to South of fire/ems from; Almond, Alfred Station, Alfred and Andover) conducted a mass casualty drill at Baressi Hall on the Alfred University Campus Saturday the 28th.

More than 50 volunteers from area fire departments, Sheriff Randy Belmont and AU students and AURS students helped to make the drill realistic. This evolution was an excellent opportunity for the fire and rescue personnel in the district to practice their technical skills as part of a coordinated effort to mitigate a mass casualty emergency.

