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**Firefighters Practice for “The Big One”**

**Plantation, FL: May 4 :** Large scale fires don't happen every day. Often such incidents require specialized skills not routinely practiced.

Recently, more than 120 Plantation Volunteer firefighters drilled, over a two-night period, on the use of large diameter hose, deck gun operations, elevated streams and boosting hydrants.

“Hose lays are never pretty,” said fire chief Joe Harris. “And the skills required to get large volumes of water flowing quickly, are often overlooked or forgotten.”

During the course of the drill engine crews of four firefighters were challenged with three scenarios.

The first scenario required the engine company to rapidly hook to a hydrant and place their deck gun in operation while pulling a large diameter attack “blitz” line.

The second scenario required the engine crew to pump a standpipe while feeding water to an awaiting tower ladder.

The third scenario required a crew to lay a supply line from an already operating elevated stream back to a hydrant, then boost the hydrant.

All three scenarios were timed as well as carefully monitored for safety.

“They learned a lot,” said Harris. “They weren't always perfect, but they got the job done. We certainly hope never to have to use these skills. But if we do, I'm confident we're ready.”

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**Big fire, big water:** Plantation firefighters advance a “Blitz” line on a simulated storefront fire as an engine’s deck gun is put into operation.

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***Tying in:*** Plantation firefighters prepare to hook up to a standpipe during a large diameter hose evolution.

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**Getting' in right:** Plantation firefighter, Christian Woolley sets up deck gun operations during a simulated store front fire evolution.

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