Department of Fire Services

Massachusetts Firefighting Academy Mobile Training Units

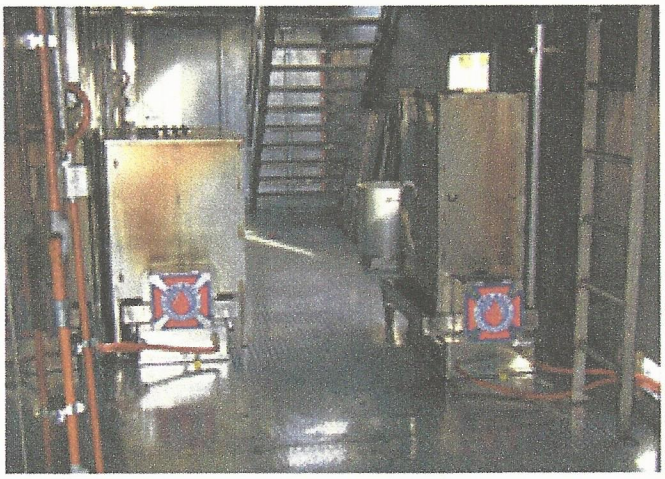
MOBILE LIVE FIRE TRAINING

The Massachusetts Firefighting Academy has four mobile training units that make it easy to deliver fire service training anywhere in Massachusetts. The mobile units include a SCBA maze, a driver training simulator, a live fire training unit, and an incident command training simulator.

The Mobile Training Unit (MTU) is a live fire training prop. It can be delivered to fire departments anywhere in Massachusetts. The MTU uses propane gas as fuel instead of ordinary class "A" combustibles so it can be placed almost anywhere. With moveable wall panels and many props, firefighters can combat kitchen, bedroom and living room fires and experience a rollover. In one day, student firefighters can run through multiple scenarios including moving hose lines up and down stairs and through a structure.

The MTU can be used for a wide variety of fire and emergency response training activities including refreshing hose handling skills and improving teamwork for experienced firefighters, and as a pre-course before the more advanced Structural Firefighting Practices. The MTU instructional team evaluates conditions and student levels and then applies their own experience when developing and conducting training.

The MTU program follows NFPA 1403 guidelines including a 30-minute student orientation. Classes are limited to eighteen students and are conducted by Massachusetts Firefighting Academy burn qualified instructors.



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