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**About the Cover:** In November 2023, members of the Dawson Fire Protection District conducted a multiday live burn training. The district was joined by crews from Buffalo Illinois Fire Protection District, Mechanicsburg Fire & EMS Williamsville Fire Protection District Membership Sherman Fire Protection District Riverton Fire and EMS, Rochester Fire Protection District and Sangamon Co. Rescue Squad. Photos are courtesy of these departments, the home was donated the Sangamon Land Co, LLC and Road Apple Land Co. Event information provided by Dawson FD.



To increase the realism, crews were instructed to respond as if it were a live incident, with due regard for public and crew safety, and a staggered response of the mutual aid departments to represent their actual response from their station (although they were pre-staged at the Dawson station). The live burn presented multiple scenarios in a short time period including: size up, method of fire attack, water supply needs, drafting operations, refill site operations, and communicate all of that effectively to the other responding units. This type of training is invaluable to firefighters and provides insight for where departments are weak and strong in their strategy, tactics and tasks.



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