



OFMC Structural Fire Protection Program Training Returns to Quileute, Wash.

Twenty-nine firefighters from the Northern Tier came to Quileute, while 50 from the Southwest attended training in Socorro, N.M., last month.

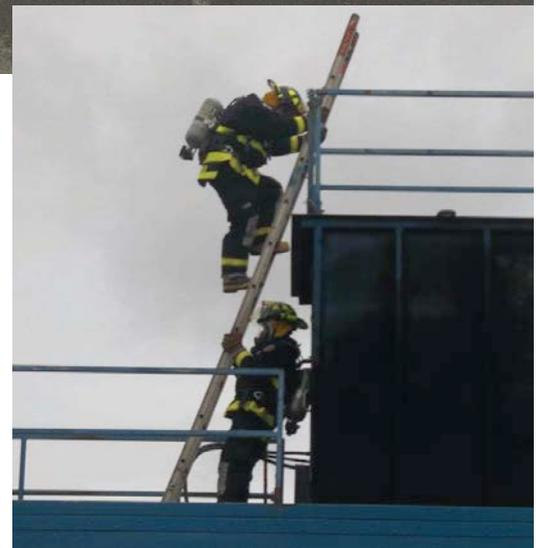
OFMC's Structural Fire Protection Program (SFPP) held two training sessions for approximately 80 firefighters in June—a four-day session in Socorro, N.M., and a two-day session in Quileute, Wash. The courses focused on firefighter safety, fire extinguishment and search-and-rescue techniques, including live fire scenarios in a simulated fire scene.

The training was for government personnel who provide structural fire protection to BIA facilities such as schools, dormitories, detention centers, agency buildings and employee quarters. Tribal fire department personnel who provide fire protection to these government facilities also attended. SFPP funded the training cost, while travel was provided by the participants' home offices.

This is the second year in a row that Northern Tier firefighters traveled to Quileute for their training. Socorro's "New Mexico Firefighters Training Academy" has long been the training location for the BIA's Southwestern personnel.



Above: Firefighters utilize a mobile simulated fire scene in their training last month at Quileute, Wash.



Right: Firefighters use team procedures in rooftop drills.



Left: Northern Tier training participants pause during their June two-day Structural Fire Fighter Course.