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General Comment

There needs to be more fire and smoke training for the teams especially with the number of young members that are on the teams today that have not been in an actual mine fire or disaster. i feel the teams would be much better trained if training consisted of actually putting out a fire, hose management, being exposed to heat and dense smoke.

Competition as it exists today does very little as far as preparing a team for an actual disaster. Two of the present type competitions are more than enough. Spend more time on preparing our teams for the real thing. Mttc center, Dolls Run facility in West Virginia and the MSHA academy are excellent locations for this type of training.

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