

# Striving for a Safer Workplace— Safety Monitors Receive Fire Extinguisher Training Offered by Fire Department

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On a sunny June day at DDSP, Safety Monitors were trained on the proper use of fire extinguishers. The DDSP Safety Office made the arrangements by taking advantage of the yearly Fire Extinguisher Training offered and conducted by the DDSP Fire Department to employees and residents of the DDC installation.

Assistant Fire Chief Henry Hoffman and Fire Inspector Jim Benson began the training with a video that showed several types of extinguishers, explained their differences, and described how to use each one properly. Handouts were provided as future reference. Then they continued the class outside where flares were used to light Combustible Liquid fires that were contained in boxes. Volunteers from the class took turns putting out the fires with an extinguisher until they were confident that they could use it correctly.

The monitors who had never used one before were surprised at how easy the extinguishers were to handle. They believed the video was helpful in showing them the different

methods in using what extinguishers they may find available to them. The self-confidence gained by hands-on training will be valuable if, or when, they find themselves in an emergency at work or at home.

The DDSP Safety Office would like to thank the Safety Monitor Program for its ongoing support. Safety Monitors volunteer to work collateral duty. They attend monthly monitor meetings for training; assist supervisors with mishap investigations and their area safety meetings; they also assist supervisors with area safety inspections. DDSP's Lost Time Frequency Rate has been decreasing over the past 2 years. This is the result of many factors, including the collateral duties of the Safety Monitors. Keep up the good work in Striving for a Safer Workplace.

When using a fire extinguisher, remember the word PASS.  
P—pull the pin. A—aim the nozzle. S—squeeze the trigger.  
S—sweeping action.

