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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Mehlville Fire Protection District Hosts Annual Mass Casualty Incident Training to Enhance Emergency Response**

St. Louis, MO – The Mehlville Fire Protection District (MFPD) recently conducted its highly anticipated Mass Casualty Incident (MCI) Training, a critical exercise designed to further develop the emergency response capabilities of its dedicated personnel. This annual training, held from May 6th to May 8th, 2024, provided an invaluable opportunity for our crews to refine their skills in managing complex emergencies.

Led by Battalion Chief EMS Training Officer Darick Day, supported by Battalion Chief Fire Training Officer Zach Absolon and Director of Mobile Integrated Health Jenny Rieker, the training focused on assessing and responding to a simulated bus crash scenario. The exercise involved multiple injured patients with varying degrees of injury, challenging our Critical Care Paramedics (CCP), Critical Care Registered Nurses (CCRN), and Fire Medics to prioritize and administer critical care under pressure.

"The MCI Training is essential for our crews to enhance their coordination, communication, and patient assessment skills in a realistic setting," said Battalion Chief Darick Day. "We simulate scenarios that closely mirror the challenges of real-life incidents, ensuring that our responders are well-prepared to deliver the highest standard of care during emergencies."

The training emphasized the importance of effective communication and efficient triage techniques, essential for managing mass casualty incidents where rapid decision-making is crucial. By engaging in this rigorous exercise, our personnel gain practical experience and confidence in their abilities to handle challenging emergency situations.

We extend our sincere gratitude to our community partners whose support made this training possible. The Mehlville School District generously donated the bus used in the simulation, while Miners Towing provided invaluable assistance in transporting the bus to our training facility. Additionally, we are grateful to the Lindbergh High School Drama Class for their participation as volunteer patients, enhancing the realism of the exercise.

"The collaboration with our community partners is fundamental to our success in emergency preparedness," emphasized Chief Day. "Their contributions enable us to conduct realistic training scenarios that ultimately benefit our entire community."

The success of this annual MCI Training reflects MFPD's ongoing commitment to excellence in emergency response. By continuously refining our skills and capabilities, we strengthen our ability to serve and protect the residents of Mehlville and surrounding areas.

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