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Black Forest Fire Rescue hosts extrication training

Black Forest Fire Rescue's Station 1 was the site of auto extrication training Saturday for three fire departments. Donald Wescott Fire Department and Falcon Fire Department joined Black Forest for the outdoor hands-on training. Conducting the training was Lt. Shannon Balvanz of Wescott Fire Department.

Members of the three departments used various extrication tools to practice their techniques on several junked cars. Extrication at an accident scene may involve something as relatively simple as prying open a door on a damaged vehicle with a powerful spreader tool to removing a vehicle's entire roof with cutters and other tools.

Falcon Fire Department brought one of their engines to the training site, and Wescott Fire Department brought its ladder truck. All three departments' apparatus are equipped with a variety of extrication tools.

Several area departments often train together, and those same departments may also find themselves working side by side with one another on various emergency incidents. For instance, when Black Forest Fire Rescue was called to the scene of a two-vehicle collision at Shoup and Milam roads on Aug. 23, the Wescott Fire Department was called to assist with a vehicle extrication at the scene.

The extrication training helps firefighters learn how to quickly and safely extricate injured people from damaged vehicles at the scene of an accident.