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(Sri Lanka Delegate Visit Culminates in Extrication Drill)

A month-long visit to Oregon for 11 Sri Lankan delegates culminates tomorrow in an extrication drill at Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue's Training Center at 12400 SW Tonquin Road in Sherwood. Under the guidance of TVF&R firefighters and paramedics, the Sri Lanka EMTs and firefighters will have an opportunity to use specialized tactics and tools on a simulated motor vehicle collision with multiple patients. The extrication drill is expected to begin at 1 pm. The group will also get a firsthand look at a Life Flight helicopter when it arrives at approximately 2 pm.

Earlier this month, the Sri Lankan delegates arrived in Oregon to learn more about modern-day EMS and firefighting systems. The group includes staff from Medical Teams International's Sri Lanka office, the country's Trauma Secretariat leader, its national EMS Advisor, and firefighters from Colombo, Sri Lanka's capital. The visit is part of an EMS Educational Exchange Program sponsored by Medical Teams International and has included hands-on training and time spent with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Oregon Health Sciences University, Oregon Institute of Technology's Paramedic program, Oregon EMS, and Metro West Ambulance.

Media interested in covering the drill should arrive by 1 pm and check-in with TVF&R's office personnel (main building) to receive an identification tag. Interviews will be available with Paul Bollinger, EMS senior adviser for Medical Teams International, and TVF&R Battalion Chief Ian Yocum who spent three weeks in Sri Lanka in 2006 teaching trauma patient assessments, CPR, first aid, and EMT skills to Sri Lanka firefighters.

For more information on the visit, see [Medical Teams International's website](#).

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