

New Forcible Entry Simulator Unveiled



Firefighters Joseph Abbondandolo and David Struble of Engine 1 demonstrate how the forcible entry simulator operates, under the guidance of Lt. Thomas Foy.

A firefighter's ability to force open a door is critical during an emergency, when every second counts.

Now FDNY firefighters will be able to practice their technique using a new forcible entry simulator, which was unveiled at the quarters of Engine 1 and Ladder 24 in Manhattan on Jan. 28.

"This simulator teaches a skill that is used by firefighters every single day," said Chief of Training Thomas Galvin.

The training tool was designed by a firefighter and built using a \$6,500 grant from the Mogil Organization and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company.



A check for \$6,500 is presented to the FDNY for the forcible entry simulator on behalf of the Mogil Organization and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. (L to R) Jeff Mogil, CEO of the Mogil Organization; Bob Mogil, President of the Mogil Organization; Thomas Galvin, FDNY's Chief of Training; Terry McCormick, Relationship Manager at Fireman's Fund; and Jean O'Shea, Executive Director of the FDNY Foundation.

It includes two doors, one opening inwardly and the other outwardly, which are attached to steel columns on a portable base. As firefighters become proficient at basic forcible entry techniques, the difficulty level can be increased using wooden pegs.

The simulator will be used at the FDNY Academy and the Department's remote training unit, which travels to firehouses throughout the City. Training and refresher courses include an hour and a half of lecture and practice.

"This simulator is very special to us," said Terry McCormick, Relationship Manager at Fireman's Fund.

Jeff Mogil, CEO of the Mogil Organization, added, "We know how devastating fires can be, so we want to do what we can to help."