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# Chief's Weekly Message

DES MOINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

## 3RD DIVISION FIGHTS FIRE!



This photo shows what crews saw, as they arrived at the scene where an old city building started on fire during its demolition, at SE 4th and Elm Streets. Crews can be seen setting up Truck 1, master streams, and hand lines to provide multiple water streams to extinguish the fire.



## Coming Up

**Monday, 09/18:**

Simulation in Motion-Iowa (SIM-IA) and DMFD partnership launch

**Monday, 10/02:**

Council Work Session, City Hall  
7:30 am  
Council Meeting, City Hall  
5:00 pm

**Sun. - Sat., 10/08-10/14:**

Fire Prevention Week  
Cooking safety starts with YOU!  
Pay attention to fire prevention!

**Sunday, 10/15:**

IMT Des Moines Marathon and Half Marathon

**Monday, 10/23:**

Council Work Session, City Hall  
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In the above pic that will likely cost him ice cream for the house, Firefighter Colby Klocko operates a hand line through a backside window of the structure.



The second working fire was located on Sawyers Drive and was initially called-in by an Animal Control officer, reporting smoke in the area. Crews from Station 9 and 4 arrived to find a single-family home, already well involved with fire. Crews worked quickly to establish a water supply, master streams, and aerial water application (from above using the ladder truck) which aided in containing the fire spread. While we can't unburn what is gone before we get there, you will notice that the neighbor's home, that is relatively close to the fire structure, escaped fairly unscathed, thanks to the quick work of these crews. Great job, 3rd Division!

## **Simulation In Motion-Iowa (SIM-IA) Partnership!**





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Des Moines' Fire Station 11 now houses a mobile simulation truck that brings state-of-the-art emergency medical training to communities across Central Iowa. The new truck launched Monday through a partnership between the DMFD and the Simulation in Motion-Iowa (SIM-IA) program. Medical providers from across Central Iowa joined DMFD and SIM-IA for the launch event to tour the truck and learn more about its training capabilities. Above, U of I College of Nursing Assistant Professor, and SIM-IA Senior Program Advisor, Jacinda Bunch, explains the capabilities of the truck's control room.

This is a cutting-edge mobile education program that brings high-quality, evidence-based clinical education to EMS and hospital professionals across the state. SIM-IA trucks are now in Iowa City, Sioux City, and Des Moines. Since the first truck launched in June 2022, educational events have occurred in 62 Iowa counties, educated more than 3,000 people, and helped improve life-saving care for Iowans. The addition of this truck will significantly expand the reach and capacity of the program through Central Iowa.



Tours of the SIM-IA unit included the simulated emergency bay and human patient simulator (shown here), the control room, a simulated ambulance box, video recording for analysis and debriefing, and four high-tech human patient simulators of various ages and capabilities. The Des Moines Fire Department will conduct EMS training using the truck for the first time September 26-28.

## DMFD HazMat Completes Academy of Counter-Terrorism Course



This week, members of the DMFD HazMat Team (Firefighters Jacob Peppmeier and Joe Marks, Engineer Jared Osterloh, Lt. Tad Stoner and Captain Tanner Stoner) participated in The Academy of Counter-Terrorist Education course: Tactical Operations for CBRNE (Chemical/Biological/Radiological/Nuclear/Explosives) Incidents. During the course, these individuals provided expertise in air monitoring during tactical entries for law Enforcement S.W.A.T teams making entries into simulated WMD/CBRNE labs and takedowns. They also provided a decontamination component for the teams during post-entry actions. The event was a great opportunity for the disciplines to integrate and train together on high-risk, low-frequency events. The DMFD also got a chance to demonstrate just how dangerous they can be with simulated-round firearms! Below is Joe Marks ready for action.



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Council Meeting, City Hall, 5:00 pm

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