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AS A FORMER MINER, FOREMAN-FIREBOSS, SAFETY TRAINER, AND SAFETY INSPECTOR YOU NEED TO LET THE WELL TRAINED FIRE DEPARTMENTS TAKE OVER THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING THE FIRE BRIGADE TO HELP THE MINE RESCUE TEAMS ENTER THE MINE.

THE FIREFIGHTERS CAN DOUBLE AS RESCUERS AND FIREFIGHTERS AT THE SAME TIME. THE LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS WOULD HAVE TO COMPLETE A MANDATORY APPRENTICE CLASS. FOLLOW THAT UP WITH MINE RESCUE CLASS, WHICH THE FIREFIGHTERS CAN BE CROSS TRAINED IN UNDERGROUND MINING. REQUIRE THAT THE FIREFIGHTERS TAKE A MORE SERIOUS TYPE OF TRAINING. THESE FIRE FIGHTERS CAN BE MONITORED BY LOCAL MSHA INSPECTORS. UPGRADING YOUR PRESENT FIRE PROTECTION PLAN. A LOCAL MINE COULD BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT TRAINING STANDARDS. THERE ARE PROBABLY A FEW MINES IN THE LOGAN, WV AREA THAT WERE CLOSED DOWN IN THE 80'S THAT ARE NOT VERY FAR INSIDE, WHICH COULD BE USED FOR TRAINING MINES. RUM CREEK MINES HAD CUT A SOLID ROCK HEADING FOR 20 BREAKS THAT WAS COVERED UP IN THE RUM CREEK AREA OF LOGAN CO. THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT TRAINING MINE, FOR THE FIRE-FIGHTERS TO LEARN IN. THIS MINE GOES FROM ONE SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN TO THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN. DIAMONDSHAMROCK COAL SPENT NEARLY \$200,000 DOLLARS CLEANING UP THIS OLD MINE FOR A BELT LINE, THEN CLOSED THE MINE. THIS MINE IS ABOUT 3 MILES FROM A MASSEY MINE AT RUMCREEK, WV.

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