



# City of Madison Fire Department Training Division

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## City of Madison Fire Department Types of Training performed at Acquired Structures

(Not all types of Training are performed on every property.)

The Madison Fire Department will evaluate the property to determine how we would use the structure.

### 1) Training - no Fire involved--destructive or non-destructive

- Hose Line advancement
- Search and Rescue Operations (moving civilians and firefighters)
- Thermal Imaging Camera practice
- Forcible Entry of windows
- Forcible Entry of interior doors
- Forcible Entry of exterior doors
- Laddering
- Ventilation holes cut in roof
- Ventilation holes cut in floor
- Fire Stream application
- Pull ceiling
- Breach walls

### 2) Live Fire Training

May include any of the above activities and:

- Individual room burns without complete destruction of the property. The property owner will need to demolish the property after Madison Fire Department training is complete.
- Individual room burns with complete destruction of the property by fire.

### **\* Property owner is responsible for Asbestos removal.**

Asbestos removal needs to be taken care of by an approved person (in accordance with DNR regulations) prior to any demolition activity (destructive training or live fire training).

**\*\*\* Asbestos removal needs to occur at any structure that is to be demolished, whether the Fire Department is going to use the building or not. Property owner will need to contact Amy Walden-- [amy.walden@wisconsin.gov](mailto:amy.walden@wisconsin.gov) --at the State of Wisconsin DNR (608)266-3658.**

Mr. Brad Murphy  
City of Madison Planning Department  
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Dear Plan Commission,

I received a Notice of Public Hearing for May 24, 2010, regarding an application for a demolition on property located at 105 Merrill Crest Drive. Mt Olive Lutheran Church has applied for the demolition permit and has indicated they want the City of Madison Fire Department to burn the house down for training purposes. I live at 101 Merrill Crest Dr. which is adjacent to the house. My house is approximately 34 feet from the house, my maple trees' trunks are 24 ft. away and the tree canopies are only a few feet away. I am against the house being burned down. I have expressed my concerns to the Church, and I want to make the Plan Commission aware of them too:

**Heat**

I am worried about the heat from the fire damaging my roof shingles, the siding or blistering the paint on my house. I am also concerned about the heat shocking my nearby maple trees and shrubs and causing them to become distressed and die.

**Smoke and Soot**

I am concerned about smoke and soot from the fire getting into or on my house. I do not want to incur costs to have the inside and/or outside of my house cleaned because of this.

I have installed a brand new air conditioner compressor on the side of my house closest to the 105 house. The serviceman from General Heating and Air conditioning told me if soot or smoke film gets on the compressor fins then I may as well throw the unit out because it will not be able to be cleaned off.

I am also worried about having to keep my house closed up for possibly a week while the fire department does its training. I have elderly pets that do not tolerate the heat well and I will not be able to have the windows open or run the air conditioner while the controlled burns take place.

In the event the Plan Commission grants permission for the house to be burned down I would like some conditions to be placed:

1. I will be given 48 hours advanced notice of any controlled burns at the 105 house so I can make sure my windows are closed and the new air conditioner compressor is covered.
2. The Church will be held responsible for any damages to my house or property as a result of any of the fires (i.e. roof shingles, siding, paint, compressor, trees and shrubs). The Church will agree to this in writing.
3. The Church will be required to reimburse me for any costs I incur to clean the inside or outside of my house because of smoke or soot from the fires. The Church will agree to this in writing.
4. The remaining burned debris from the house shall be removed no later than five days after the final burn. The debris is going to smell, and the Church should be required to get it removed as soon as possible.

I am not against the house being demolished only the burn method indicated by the Church.

Sincerely,

Patsy Alioto

cc Mt Olive Church