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### **EMERGENCY RESPONDERS TRAIN AT OLDCASTLE NORTHEAST FACILITIES**

ATLANTA---Firefighters, police officers, bomb squad personnel and other emergency responders often lack safe facilities to train in the Northeast because space is at a premium and neighbors are nearby. Oldcastle Materials is assisting by providing protected and safe locations for emergency response professionals to learn new techniques and practice critical disaster preparedness skills.

At **Pike Industries** in New Hampshire, Portsmouth firefighters recently practiced their trench rescue skills, something they haven't been able to do very often because of a shortage of proper facilities. Firefighters secured loose gravel walls of a 10-foot trench and practiced rescue procedures at a Pike recycling yard. Four teams practiced with the Deep Trench Rescue equipment the department received five years ago through a Homeland Security grant. Chris Matheson, a sales estimator at Pike Industries said, "A series of four training sessions with more than 50 firefighters was conducted over several sessions. Pike is very much a part of the community and we are glad to be able to open our site for this training. The ability to train is vital for the safety of the firefighters and victims."

Pennsylvania-based **Pennsy Supply**, partnered with state and local law enforcement officers to host a five-day National Improvised Explosives Familiarization training course for the Philadelphia office of the FBI. The training teams demonstrated more than a dozen commercial and military explosives used by terrorists worldwide. "This preparation provides both local and state agencies with the education that assists them in doing their jobs," said FBI Special Agent Sean Dowd.

Another example of Oldcastle's partnership is at **Tilcon New Jersey**. The company has opened their sites for numerous training sessions where local fire companies familiarize themselves with the operations and practice emergency response techniques. "On-site training is beneficial and improves skills," said Angelique Bracer, assistant safety director.

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Tilcon New Jersey has also hosted surface mine rescue competitions to train personnel on proper safety practices at mine sites, and the U.S. Department of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives conducted explosive exercises this past summer at a quarry location for state, county and local investigators.

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