Rose Valley Church Gymnasium Set to Burn this Saturday

Kelso- C2FR will be conducting a live fire training burn on the Rose Valley Friend's Church gymnasium located on 1437 Rose Valley Road this Saturday from 10am to 2pm. The church has donated the building to the fire department and plans on building a new facility once the current structure is gone. This "live burn" will be open to the public to watch.

Three fire engines and two water tenders, staffed with firefighters, will be actively involved in the training. Fire departments use donated buildings to conduct invaluable live fire training as often as they can. Training in live fire conditions provides firefighters valuable hands on experience in fire suppression tactics, search and rescue operations, and incident command system (ICS) familiarity. Portions of the live fire training will be filmed and narrated for future training of fire cadets and for public education on fire conditions and fire behavior.

Donated structures must meet certain safety parameters before they are allowed to train on by firefighters. For more information on donating a structure to Cowlitz 2 Fire and Rescue contact their headquarters station in Kelso at (360) 578-5218.