

## July 26, 2010 - FarmWeek Spotlight - Monroe CFB

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George Lovell, left, Safety and Technical Rescue Association instructor, talks rescuers through the extraction of a grain entrapment victim. (Photo courtesy of Monroe County Farm Bureau)

Firefighters learn how to conduct grain entrapment rescue

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More than 150 volunteer firefighters and farm families from Monroe and Randolph counties participated in a recent grain bin entrapment and farm safety program at

the Gateway FS facility in Evansville.

The firefighters participated in the hands-on workshop taught by GSI Group and the Safety and Technical Rescue Association (SATRA) instructor George Lovell.

John Lee, director of safety, health, and environmental services with the Grain and Feed Association of Illinois, provided information on grain bin engulfment, grain bin fires, and grain dust explosions.

The training provide the fire departments with background information on grain bin rescue techniques and demonstrated the best techniques for their victims safe removal.

Maecystown firefighter and Farm Bureau Board member Dan Mueller was the victim in his group. He said the event was a good demonstration of what happens in a grain entrapment.

Bob Gross and Chris Deterding of the Monroe County Electric Cooperative presented their live line demonstration for the firefighters and farm families.

A highlight of the night was the landing of the Arch Helicopter used for medical emergencies.

The Waterloo Fire Department brought its fire house display, and attendees were able to see firsthand what to do if their house catches fire.

Glen Muench of Gateway FS structures department presented information on PTO safety. Attendees were reminded about safety precautions while riding an ATV.

The program was sponsored by Gateway FS Inc., Monroe County Farm Bureau, Randolph County Farm Bureau, and a grant from Illinois Farm Bureau and Country Financial.

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