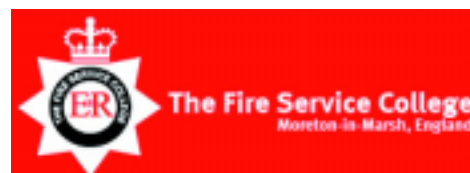


CIVIL DEFENCE OFFICERS TO TRAIN IN UK



Twenty Saudi Civil Defence Officers on a scholarship to Britain to attend Search and Rescue Training Course.

In September HRH Prince Mohammed bin Naif, Assistant Minister of Interior, approved the sending of 20 officers from the Directorate of Civil Defence to attend a Search and Rescue Training Course at the British Fire Service College in Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire.

The officers will take part in intense courses run by some of the world's leading experts in Search and Rescue operations. In addition to training on up-to-date equipment the participants will learn about the methods and tactics which have proved successful in the UK. These courses are the latest in a continuing programme of training in the fields of Civil Defence and law enforcement. The partnership between the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia in this field has already delivered important results.

The Director of Civil Defence, Lt General Saad bin Abdullah Al Tuwajri, said that this training was part of a programme of overseas training to run alongside the King Abdullah scholarship program. He added: "we are keen to raise the level of performance, skill and experience of the organisation's staff and to enable them to develop their abilities through such specialised courses." In his view such training is an essential foundation for the officer's work. And Lt General Saad bin Abdullah Al Tuwajri concluded his comments by saying: "we count very much on such courses, which will be followed by other courses inside and outside the Kingdom in all areas of civil defence."



The image to the right shows part of the unique Incident Ground at the Gloucestershire facility and the others show an assortment of training exercises held at the Moreton in Marsh College.

