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Beaufort firefighters to conduct rescue training along Beaufort's Bay Street bluff

Beaufort-Port Royal firefighters will join other first responders for specialized training along the banks of the Beaufort River across from Beaufort Elementary School Saturday, Monday and Wednesday.

"These are the types of skills we may need to use in our environment," said Capt. John Robinson of the Beaufort-Port Royal Fire Department. "We'll be training alongside members of the Burton Fire District. It may look like an emergency, but in this case, it's just our training exercises."

Firefighters will be honing their low-angle rescue skills using the slope of bluff near the river bank. They'll use specialized rope and pulley systems to simulate rescuing victims from below street level, Robinson said.

Firefighters will build anchor systems, rope haul systems, and practice treating and preparing patients to be pulled to safety.

Two training sessions are scheduled per day on Saturday, Monday June 22 and Wednesday June 24, regardless of weather conditions. "It's probably going to be real hot, but we don't get to pick when emergencies happen," Robinson said. "This is excellent training."

For more information about the Beaufort-Port Royal Fire Department, call 843-525-7055 or email at city-fire@cityofbeaufort.org.

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