

RIT Pack Joint Training Session October 13, 2009

On October 13, 2009, members from Greenfield traveled to Fleetville to participate in a joint training session between Greenfield, Fleetville and Factoryville on RIT (Rapid Intervention Team) Pack usage and connections. Members got a first-hand look at how to use RIT packs and lessons on the pros and cons between the two.



Greenfield Township Fire Chief Fred Bales and Fleetville Fire Chief Tony Saxton examine equipment.

Greenfield's Scott RIT Pack and Fleetville's Survivair RIT Pack are used for the same reason--saving lives--but differ in their respective connections. The Scott RIT Pack comes with 100 ft of hose, connections to supply air to two firefighters, a 45-minute cylinder, a spare face mask and regulator, (in case of face-piece failure) and can quickly fill another cylinder to remove a firefighter out in a hurry. The Survivair has a 6 ft hose, can supply air to one firefighter, has a one hour cylinder and can quick fill another cylinder. The only difference between the two is multiple adapters that are needed to connect a Survivair to a Scott and vice versa.

In addition to RIT equipment, members involved reviewed the operation of one another's SCBA, noting different cylinder sizes and capacities, high pressure versus low pressure lines, face-pieces and regulators.

All members involved in Tuesday night's training stressed the importance of inter-departmental training and partnerships within the community. Not only do members learn each other's equipment, they learn what needs to be done to make everyone's equipment work together correctly.

