



## Training helps conquer fire at ethanol plant

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This is the second time firefighters and law enforcement made a trip to the Iowa Ethanol Plant in Hanlontown this month.

Early Tuesday afternoon, fire broke out in the duct work above the building.

The blaze was put out just under two hours later.

That's almost exactly the same scenario crews worked on in a disaster drill on October second.

Worth County Sheriff David Gentz tells KIMT Newschannel Three, "The only thing different, the drill had several injuries, today, we were very fortunate, no one was injured."

The drill was designed to help everyone understand what needs to happen when disaster strikes. Both a fire captain and the Sheriff think the drill, helped make the incident go smoothly.

Gentz says, "He was telling me, they found some instances during the drill, that could have been disastrous today, had they not been found at that time. Those have been corrected since that time."

And early estimates, say the damage to the plant wasn't extensive...that's partly because the plant was already closed today, for repair and maintenance.

Tim Voegele is the Plant Manager, and tells KIMT Newschannel Three, "I wouldn't call it a major incident, it's sure something you don't want, don't wish to have happen. It was handled very well, we're just fortunate that we were down anyway. Now we're just going to get back on schedule, and get the plant back up and running."

Late Tuesday night, they weren't accepting grain shipments, but that should change Wednesday morning.

These farmers were turned away, and off camera, said having to wait another day to unload their corn is not a big deal.

And that's during their busiest time of the year.

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