



New recruit Danny Deeks puts on his oxygen mask.



Firefighters are instructed by Acting Captain Dan Bell (centre) before entering the century home on Main Street.

TRAINING DAY

Whitchurch-Stouffville Fire and Emergency Services used a former chicken take-out restaurant, on Main Street next to East Side Mario's, to train 14 new volunteer firefighters. Smoke was pumped in to replicate a fire.

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Condensation builds up in the firefighters' oxygen masks as they move from frigid temperatures into warmer air. It's one of the hazards of firefighting during the winter.



A thermal imaging camera detects items based on temperature. "It's a great tool that assists firefighters during search and rescue as well as fire extension in hidden areas such as walls and ceilings," said Fire Prevention Officer Jeff Bignell. The new recruits graduated from training at a ceremony Feb. 20.



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