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This message originates from outside the Maine Legislature.

Good afternoon my name is Scott Avery and I am the President of the Western Maine firefighters association as Well.as.the Deputy fire Chief in the town of Sweden. I tried to use the portal for testimony but it would not cooperate. I am writing in support of more funding for live fire training. I have been in the fire service for 45 years serving for not Only Sweden, but the town of Casco for many years and was a chief there as well. Live fire training is critical to the training of not only new recruits, but seasoned firefighters as well to keep their skills at a high level. As it has become extremely hard to not only aquire structures to burn. The DEP haade it almost impossible to facilitate all the things that need to be removed beforehand. There are no where enough facilities in Maine to property train out crews as many many miles need to be traveled just to get to a facility taking necessary equipment of.of it's response areas. If we want to not only keep our firefighters trained but training as safe of an environment as possible more facilities are needed. Thank you for your time.

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