



## Oldcastle Precast Building Systems Donates to Search and Rescue Exercise

Committed to giving back to the community, Oldcastle Precast Building System donated hollowcore plank to the National Guard Rescue Training held in November near Buffalo NY. The rubble pile simulated a disaster scenario that included mannequins and live volunteers in need of rescue.

### Oldcastle Precast Building Systems COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



#### Doing Our Part

From financial support to environmental awareness our commitment to the communities we serve is as solid as our products. We take pride in our role and promote quality standards at every single one of our plants.

Some plants provide shelter and counseling to the underprivileged, support area youth sports and host fundraising events. Others contribute surplus concrete for use in fire safety training and the creation of fish habitats.

Our goal is to support local organizations so they can help our communities thrive. To us, that's what matters most.

#### Training Day

The Vigilant Guard and National Guard performed an earthquake training simulation on an old industrial site in Tonawanda, NY in early November. Volunteers from the construction industry helped prep the site for the exercise. In addition to the National Guardsmen and local first responders, agencies from Vermont, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey and others participated.

Piles of concrete, mangled cars and simulated wounded littered the landscape as the Vigilant Guard rescue exercises got under way. The week-long event mimicked disaster conditions to train National Guardsmen and first responders from around the region.

Oldcastle Precast Building Systems donated components that were used to simulate a multi-story building and parking garage collapse with multiple

victims. The precast products used were excess inventory that were intact and formulated to simulate a building collapse. Oldcastle Precast was glad to do our part to help the NYS Fire Prevention and Control Rescue Division to prepare for their national rescue training.

These “war zones” are set up across the country to simulate a disaster site. The various agencies – military, government, state and local receive training for rescue operations.

Training encompassed all aspects of Urban Search and Rescue operations including: Search (Technical and K9); Medical; Structural search and rescue (breaching, breaking, shoring and void search and rescue); Logistics; Incident Command; Large Scale Response Coordination; Military / Civilian Coordination.

## Our Company

Oldcastle Precast is the leading manufacturer of precast concrete, polymer concrete and plastic products in the United States. With more than 80 locations nationwide, our products are always close at hand.

## Our Philosophy

Our reliability and attention to detail have earned us a satisfied client base second to none. Designed for strength and durability, our products range from utility vaults, reinforced concrete pipe, catch basins, drainage and septic tanks, to retaining walls, storm shelters, wall panels, concrete barriers and more.

Oldcastle Precast's 3,000 plus employees stand committed to upholding core values of reliability, quality and service in cutting edge ways. We're always looking for new ways to minimize waste, increase recycling, improve energy management and use eco-friendly materials.

Oldcastle Precast Building Systems is proud to be a part of Oldcastle Precast.

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According to Brian Rousseau, Deputy Chief of the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Rescue (Albany), the precast concrete was a perfect fit for their exercises because of the mass of the product and its durability during the training.

Training Teams Involved:

New York State Rescue Incident Support Team; New York City FEMA US&R Team (Urban Search and Rescue Team); Massachusetts FEMA US&R Team; New York State US&R Team; Ohio FEMA US&R Team; Toronto Canada National US&R Team; New Jersey State US&R Team; Vermont US&R Team; Suffolk County NY US&R; Yonkers Fire Department US&R; Syracuse Fire Department US&R; Rochester Fire Department US&R; Buffalo Fire Department US&R; Niagara Falls Fire Department; Tonawanda Fire Department; Specialized Military Haz-Mat/Rescue teams from New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania also participated.

*Images:*

*Construction crews systematically placed a combination of rubble, vehicles and mannequins to create a variety of training scenarios.*

*The realistic site with talking mannequins was designed to provide rescuers the ability to perform both search and rescue, and search and recovery exercises.*

*It will also provide the platform for medical personnel to evaluate and evacuate the casualties.*

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