

HSE Fire Drill at Cofreth HQ



To mark the end of the one-month Cofreth's Health, Safety & Environment (HSE) Campaign, from 26 June – 31 July 2010, our Emergency Response Team (ERT) worked with Bomba to organize a fire drill exercise & fire safety talk. About 50 Cofreth staff from Headquarter and sites attended this event.

The morning started with a fire drill exercise at about 9.00am when a "fire" was detected in the pantry area. The fire alarm rang and the floor wardens acted immediately by escorting everybody to evacuate the building upon hearing the emergency announcement.

During the evacuation process, a staff was "injured" while another was "trapped" in the gents. However, the floor wardens successfully saved them and brought them out of the building to safety.

Everybody gathered at the designated assembly area for head count and all

were recorded "saved". The fire drill was a successful exercise and it helped to prepare the staffs for any future emergencies that may occur.

After the drill, two Bomba personnel from Balai Bomba & Penyelamat Subang Jaya demonstrated the correct usage of fire extinguisher at the assembly area. It was very exciting to see staffs trying to put off the flame using the correct steps taught earlier. The wind was rather challenging for staffs during the tryouts but it was a good experience.

The Fire Safety Talk took place at Cofreth training center just after the fire extinguisher demonstration. Staffs were briefed about the science of fire, which describes the cause of fire, how a fire can start, the effect of fire and on how to escape during a fire.

While the ERT plays an important role in evacuation process and assisting victims

during emergencies, the Bomba personnel stressed highly on the importance of having a good and functionable fire system in the building.

They also explained how the victims only have two options during fire, either to put off the fire or save themselves. They added that there are four factors that contribute to fatality during fire; darkness, smoke, heat and time. The Bomba personnel also reminded everyone not to panic when these factors takes place as it will lead to possibilities of death.

In closing, announcement of winners of the HSE Campaign – Hazard Hunt was carried out. Management Information System Department took the first prize; Operations, Planning & Control Department took the second; Penang Branch & Business Development Department grabbed the third prize. All other entries were given consolation prizes for their effort.



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