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Bradley Airport firefighters train at Westover ARB

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CHICOPEE, Mass. (WWLP) – Westover Air Reserve Base personnel train airport firefighters from all over New England at their airplane burn pit. On Thursday, the Bradley International Airport firefighters put out the flames from simulated plane crash.

“This steel craft has gone through dozens of these mock crashes,” Westover’s Fire Chief Charles Van Gorden told 22News. He say that this training is vital. “We train for it every day because you never know when it’s going to happen.”

For five years, Westover’s firefighting team has been perfecting a series of lifesaving projects.

Scott Kerry, Westover’s Assistant Fire Chief for Training, determined after the training was over that Bradley airport’s firefighters have what it takes. “These firefighters are fit to do the job,” Kerry said. “They’re ready to handle any aircraft emergency that they may be facing.”

The Commission on Fire Accreditation International singles out the Westover Fire Department as the only fire department in Massachusetts—military or civilian—to receive this prestigious recognition.

Please follow this link for the full story, which includes video coverage:
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