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Lubbock Firefighters Partner with Texas Tech Engineering Department to Develop Roadway Safety PPE for First Responders

LUBBOCK, Texas, November 20, 2020 – Lubbock Fire Rescue Firefighters have partnered with the Texas Tech Engineering Department in order to develop new technologies and PPE that will better protect first responders on the roadway. This partnership reflects our continued commitment to reduce the number of traffic incident responders injured or killed in the line of duty.

During Crash Responder Safety Week (CRSW) November 8-14, Lubbock Fire Rescue Firefighters hosted a “Fire Ops 101” course for members of the Texas Tech University Engineering Department. This course provided hands-on training and experience to better help them understand the work we do. Participants were placed in evolutions that allowed them to experience how firefighters respond to structure fires, vehicle extrication and roadway responses, as well as a search and rescue scenario.

We were honored to host the Texas Tech Engineering Department. The knowledge and experiences gained during this “Fire Ops” will allow them to continue their research with first hand knowledge of modern firefighting and the situations we face. We look forward to our continued partnership with the Texas Tech Engineering Department. Our cooperation and research will lead to safer roadside responses for all first responders as they work to keep our roadways safe and clear.