



Terminals West Kwinana workers and crew put emergency fire response times to the test.

Picture: Alan Gale

Fake fire cops a spray

EMERGENCY fire response times were put to the test when two trucks were set alight at the Terminals West Kwinana depot.

The exercise, organised by the Kwinana Industries Council's Kwinana Industries Mutual Aid, gave workers and crews experience of an emergency situation.

The day-long event simulated a major fire and tested response times, equipment deployment and on-site emergency procedures.

Event coordinator and Terminals West logistics manager Darren Salomon said the goal was to determine shortfalls and provide personnel with experience.

"The exercise worked well," Mr Salomon said.

"Given we were not dealing with a real fire

situation, it was a valuable lesson for all parties to see how events would unfold over a period of time.

"Each person who participated gained exposure and confidence in being able to deal with an incident of this type."

Industries council director Chris Oughton said all companies could learn from these exercises to ensure they were confident of their systems and control mechanisms.

"KIMA is part of KIC's commitment to ensuring that industry is as safe as possible," he said. "It is no good hoping emergencies can be responded to — in theory the plans need to be regularly tested."