“Disaster Drill Practice Held”

There was fake blood and made up scenarios but it was all authentic professionals and equipment that went through a training exercise at the fire training station in Norfolk on Friday.

Officials from the Norfolk Fire Division, Region 11 Emergency Management Division, the Norfolk Police Division, the Nebraska Army National Guard 72nd Civil Support Team, Columbus Community Hospital, Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department and Faith Regional Health Services all participated in a simulation of what would happen if a fast spreading disease was discovered in Norfolk. There were also representatives from the FBI and the Czech Republic military who participated in the exercise.

“There was a lot of effort put into this with members of the group meeting together since November. You can’t plan an emergency but you can plan your reaction to it. It was a great opportunity for different entities to develop some relationships so that in a real situation we know what resources and skills are available as a group working together,” said Tim Wragge, City of Norfolk Assistant Fire Chief.