

Energy West's Huntington team places at national mine rescue, first aid event

Energy West Mining Company's Silver Team of Huntington took first place in the first aid portion of the 1997 National Mine Rescue Contest.

The contest was presented at the Kentucky Fair and Exposition Center in Louisville, Ky.

The team was judged on how quickly and correctly the rescue squad members responded to an injured miner.

The team members had to demonstrate the proper fun-

damental skills of first aid.

Each mine rescue squad, consisting of six members, was given a hypothetical situation that would allow the judges to see how each team would react in the scenario.

Mine rescue training began in 1910, the same year the United States Bureau of Mines was created.

Joseph Holmes, the bureau's first director, set up the mine rescue so that each mine would have a group of

individuals that would be prepared in a mine emergency situation.

In the overall contest, which is sponsored by the United States Department of Labor's Mine Safety and Health Administration, the local team placed third.

These contests are designed to sharpen skills and knowledge of how the team would respond if they were ever called upon to respond to a real mine emergency.

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