

# Fire Drills for Outreach

## *General Thoughts*

- Repeat method from S&T in 2003? i.e. pick a visible transient as the "supernova"?
- Do with some frequency (once or twice per year?)
- Scheduled exactly, or do it randomly within some expected region of time?
- What information is useful for amateur astronomers and what is useful only to neutrino expts or large telescopes?
- Different levels of fire-drills? A drill of the AA community ability to spot a transient could be separate from the neutrino expt drills, but some should probably include entire pipeline.

## *Assessing the Results*

- Determine our reach: who participated and what regions of the world were absent, and how can we reach them?
- How long did it take for word to spread? Are there ways we can improve the travel time?
- How long did it take to identify the "SN", and is there anything we can do on our side to improve this?
- Did the AAs use our training materials and were they useful? What was lacking?
- Circulate a survey for each drill to collect some of this input from participants and ask for feedback.

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## *Milestones before fire drill*

- Deploy updated website
- Collate various training materials about making these sorts of observations
- Develop quick references and instructions for AAs
- Prepare a survey to distribute after the drill to gauge strengths and weaknesses of our connection to AA community.
- Identify a test object in the sky and plan the drill.

## *Example Timeline*

- **June/July** – Redesigned website up and running
- **August/Sept** – Prepare training materials, raise awareness through social media, conferences, etc.
- **October** – Plan the drill and assessment
- **November** – Drill