



Pema members in action during the drill.

POIC stages fire and rescue drill

LAHAD DATU: Effective communication is key in dealing with emergencies which could give positive results in saving lives as emphasised in the fire and rescue drill post-mortem staged by POIC Emergency Mutual Aid (Pema), here recently.

Some 60 Pema volunteers who are employees of participating companies in Lahad Datu palm oil industrial cluster took part in the drill that was supervised by the Tawau and Lahad Datu Fire and Rescue Department.

Fire Officer Zulhalim Abidin and his

team oversaw the 90-minute drill at Sabah Softwoods Fertiliser plant in which Pema members dealt with a simulated explosion of a fuel tank and a number of victims were rescued.

Zulhalim commended Pema members for their enthusiasm and stressed the importance of communication, coordination and improving rescue skills.

Meanwhile, Pema will be planning its visit to Labuan Emergency Mutual Aid (Lema), hoping to learn and compare notes with similar voluntary efforts on the island.