

Backyard Testing: Pitfalls, Prtfalls and Things That Go Bump in the Night

What do you get when you give three engineers, a firefighter and a veterinarian a load cell, data acquisition system, laptop computer, the key to your team's equipment room and no budget? Drop tests, slow pull tests and inline testing of rescue systems.

The results of the testing will be shown. More importantly, the process of developing the test plan, test facility and test samples, on the fly, and on the cheap, will also be discussed. Not omitted will be the hassles, mistakes, problems and other lessons learned from a short notice, almost spontaneous, opportunity for testing that occurred this past summer.