On roof, two-man rescue operation begins.

One of the most crucial aspects of a fireman's job is rescue work, as important if not more so, than actually combating a blaze. It can involve removing an injured or unconscious person from a smoke-filled room or a burning building. It can also be reaching a person trapped by flames, or aiding a fellow firefighter injured or overcome by smoke or fire.

The rescue work can be dangerous and often involves saving a person from water after a boat has overturned or a boat has given way.

AND IT CAN have its humorous instances, too, when a kitten jumps too high in a tree and gets frightened and can't get back down.

Birmingham's fire department is thoroughly trained in all phases of rescue operations, as demonstrated in this series of photographs.

Two firemen from the Westfield station recently staged a simulated rescue of an "injured" firefighter from the roof of an apartment building at Southfield and Merrill. An eccentric cameraman was on hand to record the rescue from the best vantage point—the roof of the three-story structure.

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