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### HAILEY FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINS ON SWEETWATER UNITS Sweetwater Company Invites Hailey Fire Department to Train on Three Story Units



Sweetwater Company has generously allowed the Hailey Fire Department to train on its property. The Department trained on one of the developments new, unfinished, three story units. The property was used on Sunday, March 29, for the Departments ongoing basic firefighter program. Trainee firefighters learned different techniques for attacking fire on second and third floors, learned ladder rescue methods, and practiced search and rescue in multi- story buildings.

**At left, Captain Vaughn Palmer supervises a crew making access to the third floor.**

Deputy Chief Carl Hjelm stated “this was a fantastic opportunity. Not only were we able to train firefighters on the techniques and challenges associated with multi story attached residences, we also had the chance to become very familiar with providing protection for the Sweetwater community. We would really like to thank Sweetwater Company, and Paul Hopfenbeck in particular, for allowing us this opportunity”.



**Above, trainee Patrick Deal heads up a ladder as part of a training drill.**

The basic firefighter training continues for another 40 hours this month. Once trainees complete the program they will become probationary firefighters on the Hailey and Bellevue Fire Departments.

If you'd like more information about this program, please contact the Hailey Fire Department at 788-3147.