

**Press Release  
Hailey Fire Department  
Training Burn  
731 North River Street  
November 14, 2009**

On Saturday, November 14, 2009, the Hailey and Bellevue Fire Departments will conduct live fire training exercises at an abandoned residence on North River Street in Hailey. The departments will set a number of smaller fires in the building, extinguish those fires, and culminate the training by burning down the structure. River Street will be closed north of Myrtle Street to Empty Saddle Trail for the duration of the training.

The fire training serves many purposes for the department. Less experienced firefighters have the opportunity to aggressively suppress room and content fires under controlled conditions and with the close supervision of their officers. The department also has the opportunity to develop and test new strategies and tactics for more effectively rescuing trapped victims and safely extinguishing fires. Firefighters were able to observe patterns of fire growth, and officers practiced command and control of incidents.

We would like to express our deep gratitude to neighboring residents and the community at large for tolerating the smoke, noise, and inconvenience of the training. There is no substitute for this type of training, and we truly appreciate the community's support of our efforts. We would also like to thank the Hailey City Street department for their assistance cleaning up the remaining debris. If there are any questions please contact Deputy Chief Carl Hjelm at the Hailey Fire Department, 788 3147