

Press Release
Hailey Fire Department
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The Hailey Fire Department, with mutual aid assistance from Wood River Fire and Rescue and the Bellevue Fire Department, responded to a structure fire at 402 South River Street, Wednesday, November 18, 2009. The fire was dispatched at 01:26 and first units were on scene at 01:31. The fire was quickly knocked down, declared contained at 02:22, and fully extinguished at 02:32

First arriving units found heavy smoke conditions in a central unit of a small apartment building. The fire had breached an exterior wall on the east side of the building. Hailey Chief Mike Chapman arrived on scene at 01:31 and established River Street Command. Hailey Engine One arrived on scene at 01:32 and quickly knocked down the fire. Crews checked for extension into the attic and found none. Crews were on scene for about four hours checking for extension, performing overhaul, and investigating the fire. All units were clear by 06:00. Fire damage was contained to the unit involved, other units suffered smoke damage. No occupants or pets were injured.

The Hailey Fire Department responded with three engines, a command vehicle, a support vehicle and 14 firefighters. Wood River Fire and Rescue personnel responded with an aerial apparatus with five firefighters and a chief's vehicle. The Bellevue Fire Department responded with one engine and three firefighters. No firefighter injuries were reported.

The cause of the fire appears to be accidental. Investigation of the fire has focused on faulty or overloaded wiring.