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City of Hailey Announces Hailey Fire Fighter of the Year

(Hailey, Idaho) –

Congratulations to **Bill Freer** for earning the Hailey Fire Department's coveted **2015 Fire Fighter of the Year** designation. Bill started his paid-on-call work in 2012, and since that time has consistently stepped up and volunteered his time for special duties and projects. In 2015, Bill has recorded over 40 hours of training, responded to 61 emergency calls, and is presently studying for the department engineer position.

Congratulations also go out to **Josh Murphy** for the **2015 Rookie Firefighter of the Year**. Josh started his training in 2014 and graduated the fire academy in 2015. His enthusiasm for the work shows in how frequently he volunteered for special duties and projects. In 2015 Josh recorded over 98 hours of training and responded to 56 emergency calls.

These recognitions take the form of peer nominations and awards. In an environment where life-safety and success is built on trust in your training and trust of your peers, the designation is highly coveted by firefighters.

Assistant Fire Chief **Carl Hjelm** completed two years of service as Assistant Chief, after being voted to that position by peers. Carl now has assumed the role of Captain of Hailey Squad A. One of Hailey's long-term, tenacious fire service experts, Carl began his volunteer service to Hailey Fire Department in 1992. His tireless shouldering of many special duties and projects includes teaching his Squad & South Valley Fire Classes. He assisted in compiling the specifications for the department's new proposed fire apparatus. In 2015 Carl recorded over 60 hours of training and responded to over 91 emergency calls.

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