



## **North Blaine County Fire District**

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#### **Housing for First Responders**

**Grant Amount: \$25,000**

#### **Grant Program in Review**

Thanks to the generous donation from the Wood River Women's Foundation, we were able to complete eight new homes for first responders at the Greenhorn Fire Station. Emergency services throughout Blaine County were seeing the lack of affordable housing affect our first responders. Housing availability was becoming harder to attain and our responders were being pushed further away from the communities they protect. Our primary goal with this project was "to keep first responders in the community they serve." This project is being used as a model for emergency services throughout Idaho.

#### **Objectives and Outcomes**

The objective of this project was to provide affordable and sustained housing for our first responders while reducing response times for emergencies. By providing housing at our fire stations, we have achieved that objective. A fire will grow exponentially every minute without intervention so for every minute we can reduce in our response time we can theoretically reduce the damage and cost associated with the incident. This method also relates to cardiac arrest where for every minute longer it takes for us to get to the scene the chances of survival are significantly reduced. Our goal was to have a fifty percent occupancy rate within six months and fully occupied within one year of completion. We are happy to report that all the new housing units will be occupied by the end of June. We are also in the process of creating a waitlist due to the overwhelming need from our first responder community.



Interior and Exterior views of new First Responder housing units at Greenhorn Fire Station

## Budget

<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Amount requested from WRWCF</b>	<b>Actual Expenditures</b>
Salary and Benefits	0	0
Training & Professional Development	0	0
Travel	0	0
Equipment	\$20,000	\$20,000
Printing, Copying & Postage	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>