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## HAILEY FIRE DEPARTMENT AND WOW PROJECT TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hailey, ID, January 8, 2016—The Hailey Fire Department, in conjunction with the WOW Foundation allowed Wood River Middle School students the opportunity to see what it takes to be a volunteer firefighter. The students were to demonstrate skills that firefighters rely on to safely protect their community, such as teamwork, trust, speed, and agility to name a few. The students were timed as they wore protective turn out gear to swiftly work their way through an obstacle course consisting of climbing through a tunnel, working together to drag a 145 pound dummy across the room, carrying a firehose, and to operate an extinguisher to put out a fire. One student was overheard commenting that he was surprised at how heavy the equipment was, while another team said that for them pulling the dummy was “hard”. Kristy Heitzman, the Hailey Fire Department administrator/ community liaison said, “This is a great opportunity for the students to experience what Volunteer Firefighters do for our community and some of the challenges that a firefighter must face each time they put on their gear.” The students had a great time and the winning time was 45 seconds. The obstacle times ranged from 45 seconds up to 2 minutes.

The WOW Foundation partners with over 30 nonprofit groups to create generosity experiences for all classrooms in the Wood River Valley. Students and teachers chose nonprofit projects to support both financially and with service time.

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