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A structure fire response occurred on the morning of February 7 in the Indian Creek Estates neighborhood. The residence, home to seven adults and two children (ages 8 years and 10 months, with another on the way), was saved from disaster thanks to the early activation of smoke detectors recently installed by the Caldwell Fire Department.

The fire originated after a stove burner was left on, igniting nearby materials. The newly installed smoke detection system was activated, alerting the five occupants and enabling a quick response. A neighbor, acting swiftly, was able to contain the fire using snow from the recent snowfall before it spread further.

This successful intervention highlights the effectiveness of Caldwell Fire Department's Community Risk Reduction initiatives, which utilize data-driven analysis combining statistics and calls for service to identify and assist communities that could benefit from proactive intervention. The Caldwell Prevention Division had previously identified Indian Creek Estates as an at-risk area and conducted a smoke detector canvas on a section of this community in November 2024, installing smoke detectors in approximately 20 homes for a total of 46 detectors, three of which were in the affected home.

Deputy Fire Marshal Richard emphasized the significance of this proactive approach, stating, "Before our intervention, this home had only one expired smoke detector and lacked adequate coverage. Without our data-driven analysis and targeted proactive efforts, the outcome of this incident could have been much worse. We are grateful that the residents escaped unharmed and can return to their home after minor repairs."

The Caldwell Fire Department remains committed to proactive safety measures, continuing smoke detector installations through an upcoming partnership with the American Red Cross in April 2025, aimed at equipping another community with working smoke alarms.

Caldwell Fire urges all residents to ensure their homes have functional smoke detectors. If you need assistance with installation, please contact our office at 208-455-3032.

About the Caldwell Fire Department

The Caldwell Fire Department has a staff with 68 full-time firefighters, 4 in the prevention division and 8 in administration. Lead by Chief Richard Frawley, the department serves a 147 square-mile area and responds to an average of 6800+ calls per year. Caldwell Fire shares mutual aid agreements with fire departments in the surrounding communities.

