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APWA WA   
OCT 9-10, KENNEWICK WA
2024 FALL CONFERENCE

GRAY ROAD FIRE LESSONS LEARNED



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Objective 1 - Develop Strategies for Disaster Response

Objective 2 – Utilize Unique Public Works Knowledge to Identify Risks

Objective 3 - Preparing For Response and Long Term Recovery from
Catastrophic Events in Your Community

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GRAY ROAD FIRE STATISTICS



START DATE: 8/18/2023



638 PERSONNEL ASSIGNED



240 HOMES

326 TOTAL STRUCTURES LOST



1 FATALITY



IMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCY

NOW

Build and improve capacity for access, evacuation, and suppression efforts

SOON

Build redundancy into critical infrastructure

LATER

Integrate and consolidate critical infrastructure systems and management practices



REDUCING RISK AND VULNERABILITY



PRIORITIZE SAFETY

Take action to
reduce risk



BACKUP POWER

Maintain
control of
critical
infrastructure in
the event of
power outages



WUI MANAGEMENT

Comprehensively
address Wildland
Urban Interface
concerns



PREPAREDNESS

Conduct outreach
and education

Improve public
information and
warning systems



PROTECTING HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE

\$8M

Cleanup

Hazard Assessment
Tree Removal
Debris Removal
Hazardous Waste

\$29M

Infrastructure Improvements

Private Wells to
Municipal Water;
Fire Flow 70 Hydrants;
Septic Systems to Sewer
Network of Roads

\$33M

Temporary Housing

Challenging Market
Displaced Families
55 Cabins
22 RV Sites



A background image of a firefighter in full gear, including a helmet and mask, with the text overlaid on the scene. The firefighter is positioned in the center, and the background is filled with flames and smoke, creating a dramatic and intense atmosphere. The text is white and bold, standing out against the dark, fiery background.

ENDEAVORING TO MAKE
THESE FIRES KNOWN FOR
THE REMARKABLE
RECOVERY MORE THAN
THE DEVASTATING LOSSES



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Thank You