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Prison Inmates Remove Snow from Fire Hydrants

(Pierre) – State prison inmates are helping to give firefighters easier access to fire hydrants in Sioux Falls and Yankton.

Inmates from the minimum-security unit of the Jameson Annex to the South Dakota State Penitentiary cleared snow from around fire hydrants in 3,173 locations in Sioux Falls over the past week.

Inmates from the Yankton Trusty Unit also removed snow from 365 fire hydrants in the Yankton area February 20th.

"This is an excellent example of how our inmates can help units of local government, and give something back to the communities we are located in," stated Corrections Secretary Tim Reisch.

The idea to use inmates to shovel out the hydrants came after firefighters' efforts were delayed at a house fire in Sioux Falls earlier this month because of snow around a hydrant.