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**PROTECTIVE GEL INVENTED BY LOCAL FIREFIGHTER SAVES HOMES  
IN SOUTH DAKOTA WILDFIRES**

The State of South Dakota recently made the decision to place Barricade Fire Blocking Gel on all of their wildland fire trucks in the Black Hills area. It turned out to be a good investment that more than paid for itself in its first application.

Rockerville Fire Department Captain Gordon Sabo reports that six homes were saved during a dramatic firefight with an 11,000-acre blaze in the Battle Creek area. Captain Sabo describes the strong winds and severe fire conditions encountered by his crew as the worst in his 18-year career. "Without the heroic efforts of the firefighters and Barricade Gel we would not have been able to save these homes", he stated.

All of the homes coated with Barricade survived the firestorm. Nearby homes and structures that were not coated with Barricade all burned to the ground. The firefighters themselves were surprised at how well the Barricade Gel protected the homes. "When we were forced out of the area, we expected them to burn to the ground. There was a lot of dry vegetation surrounding all of these houses." The firefighters, who were enthusiastically praised by residents, received a personal visit from South Dakota Governor Bill Janklow.

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