Wedding day ends with false alarm

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Kootenai County Fire and Rescue Cpt. Jeryl Archer has been a firefighter for 22 years. On Saturday at the Jacklin Arts and Cultural Center, he became a brand-new husband and there was a definite theme going on when he exchanged vows with Sheri Suponch.

The groom’s side of the aisle featured fire extinguishers, the bride wore fire-engine-red shoes, the groom in full uniform, the traditional wedding cake cutting done with an ax and the decorated vehicle for the couple’s departure from the old church was a 1943 Seagraves fire truck.

Later in the evening the newlyweds bid farewell to their guests and headed to Spokane for their wedding night at the historic Davenport Hotel. In an ironic twist, when they arrived the hotel was surrounded by Spokane Fire Department equipment and the hotel was in the process of being evacuated. It turned out to be a false alarm and the wedding night didn’t go up in smoke but you know the Archers must have had a brief moment of thinking, “wow, what a welcome!”

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