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### **Idaho State University – Institute of Emergency Management Uses Distance Learning Network to Deliver Classes**

Boise–Idaho State University’s Institute of Emergency Management will use the distance learning network to deliver training to qualified Idaho first responders throughout the month of July. The Institute will offer a pair of two-hour classes: *Incident Command System Orientation* and the *Idaho Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction Plan: Orientation* at 13 distance learning locations around the state. (See attached course schedule.)

“Our goal in offering these courses over the Distance Learning Network is to provide training where the first responders live,” said Lenn Moorhead-Rosenberg, program coordinator for the Institute of Emergency Management. “Many first responders tell us they have difficulty getting away for training. By removing the obstacle of having to travel we hope they can take advantage of this training opportunity.”

The distance learning courses, like all training provided by the Institute of Emergency Management, are funded by a federal grant in the interest of improving the ability of state and local agencies to prevent and respond to terrorist incidents. All training and course materials are provided free to qualified first responders and pre-registration is required.

If the distance learning model proves successful after the July trial run the Institute hopes to develop a broader offering of courses through the distance learning facilities around the state. Many basic level courses are currently available for self-study and higher level courses are being scheduled for regional conferences around Idaho. For more information, and to register for the distance learning classes contact the Institute at (208) 685-6797 or visit the Institute website at [www.isu.edu/idiem](http://www.isu.edu/idiem).

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