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Idaho State University – Institute of Emergency Management Offers Free Training to First Responders

Boise–Idaho State University’s Institute of Emergency Management is offering free training to qualified first responder groups. The training is funded by federal grants 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.

“By some estimates there are perhaps 45,000 Idaho first responders who may qualify to receive this training,” said Lenn Moorhead-Rosenberg, program coordinator for the Institute of Emergency Management. “Our goal, and that of the Federal Office of Domestic Preparedness, is to reach out and deliver this vital training to the people who will be on the front lines if there is a terrorist attack or other major incident.”

Regional conferences, self-study, and customized training are available throughout Idaho. Visit the institute’s website at www.isu.edu/idiem for information on available courses. First responders and community leaders interested in hosting a training conference in their area should contact Dave Fotsch at (208) 685-6797 ext 5 or email fotsdavi@isu.edu.

The Office of Domestic Preparedness is providing financial assistance to every state and U.S. territory through the ODP Homeland Security Grant Program. The federal funding is being provided to enhance the capability of state and local agencies to prevent and respond to incidents involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) weapons.

The ODP has identified eleven first responder disciplines; Law Enforcement, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management Agencies, Firefighters, Hazardous Materials Personnel, Public Works, Government Administrators, Public Safety Communications, Health Care, Public Health and Security Guards as being among those that should receive the training.

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