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Public Service Announcement

***Southeastern District Health Department to host
Emergency Response Volunteer Orientation***

Pocatello – The Southeastern District Health Department (SDHD) and the Southeast Idaho Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) are hosting a volunteer orientation for individuals interested in emergency response on Thursday, March 16th from 9 a.m. to 12 noon or 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at 1901 Alvin Ricken Drive.

The MRC program was designed to help provide communities with an organized system through which citizens can volunteer to help assist response agencies in the event of a large-scale health emergency. Recognizing that area disasters can be far better dealt with when a community has a trained and organized response, the MRC was established to help serve as safety net in the event of a health crisis. Volunteers are not required to have a medical background.

The orientation will provide information on the MRC program, the SDHD Public Health Preparedness Program, and details about an upcoming full-scale exercise taking place in June. If you are interested in attending the orientation, or want more information about the MRC, please call Penny Nelson at 239-5208.

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