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Southeastern District Health Department to Participate in Statewide Full Scale Exercise to Test All-Hazards Response Plan

Pocatello – In June, 2006, the Southeastern District Health Department (SDHD) will be participating in a statewide full-scale exercise to test SDHD's All-Hazards Response Plan. During this three-day exercise multiple public health agencies and emergency response agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, will participate in this scenario driven, controlled, and evaluated exercise.

This regional exercise focuses on regional objectives while supporting the statewide full-scale exercise that the Center for Disease Control and Prevention will be supporting. Through this exercise, SDHD will be able to identify how well the All-Hazards Response Plan works in the event of a natural disaster, infectious disease outbreak, and or a biological terrorist attack. By participating in these types of exercises, it allows SDHD to make adjustments to their plans so that staff and volunteers can be fully prepared if an event occurs.

Scheduled to be accomplished by SDHD during normal working hours:

- Risk Communications procedures
- Tactical Communications procedures.
- The District Distribution Center (DDC) plan
- County Point Of Dispensing (POD) plans
- Emergency Operations Center requirements
- Epidemiological Surveillance and Response

In addition, the State of Idaho will be testing:

- Request of the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS)
- Receiving, Staging & Storing (RSS) of the SNS and delivery to a District Distribution Center (DDC)
- Coordination with Technical Advisory Response Unit (TARU)
- Command and Control
- Epidemiological processes

District 6 counties includes Bannock, Bingham, Bear Lake, Butte, Caribou, Franklin, Oneida, Power, and Ft. Hall Reservation will open at least one POD in every county and the Reservation, adding realism to the problem of getting the total amount of volunteers needed.

For more information or presentation on this exercise, please contact Mary Howell, 239-5288 or visit our website at www2.state.id.us/phd6.

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