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Upcoming Ebola Table Top Exercise in Twin Falls County

Twin Falls county first responders, hospitals, and other organizations, have been invited to participate with South Central Public Health District in the “*Community Engagement and Ebola Preparedness Workshop*”. The workshop will include demonstrations, training, and a tabletop exercise.

According to Dan Shaffer, Planner for South Central Public Health District, “The tabletop exercise will provide participating organizations the opportunity to test and evaluate their capabilities, particularly their ability to coordinate an initial response to outbreaks of emerging special pathogens.”

The training will take place at the Rock Creek Fire Department on Wednesday, August 10th. The morning sessions will begin at 8:45AM and include updates on state & regional epidemiology programs, South Central Public Health District’s DiseaseInfoSouthIdaho.com website, a discussion with the State Ebola Coordinator, and a presentation on Isolation and Quarantine.

The afternoon tabletop exercise will start at 12:15PM. The exercise will focus on the first 24 hours of a coordinated response as well as identifying and mitigating gaps in response plans.

Media organizations are invited. The workshop agenda is available at <http://phd5.idaho.gov/ebolattx>

To ensure that space is available, the media is requested to RSVP as soon as possible.

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