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### **Registration For Upcoming Family Reunification Training Open To The Public**

**SOUTH CENTRAL IDAHO** – South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) is pleased to announce that registration for an upcoming Standard Reunification Method training and exercise event is now open to the public.

The SRM training, also referred to as Family Reunification training, focuses on teaching a uniform, planned, and practiced response to any incident in order to encourage a safer and more coordinated community. First responders, emergency managers, community managers, and school, law enforcement, or fire department staff are especially encouraged to apply. The SRM training will take place on Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2. Day 1 of the training will focus on a “Train the Trainer” style education about Family Reunification methods. Day 2 will focus on a practice exercise using skills learned from Day 1.

The SRM Train the Trainer education and practice exercise will benefit local agencies and the community at large by standardizing the vocabulary, so that all stakeholders can understand the response and status of any event. Additionally, the SRM protocol enables rapid response determination when an unforeseen event occurs. The training is being provided at no cost. Although lunch will not be provided on Day 1, food trucks will be available on site for the participants. Lunch will be provided on Day 2.

“A Family Reunification center is crucial during an emergency event because it provides a centralized location for people to reconnect with their loved ones when communication channels may be disrupted,” said Brenda Mason, SCPHD Public Health Preparedness Manager. “It offers a sense of comfort, support, and organization during chaotic times, helping to alleviate stress and anxiety for those affected by the emergency.”

Registration is open from now until April 12, 2024.

For more information about the SRM training, please contact Brenda Mason at (208) 737-5915.

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