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SCAM JAM COMING TO LEWISTON SEPTEMBER 17TH

Idaho Department of Finance Joins Forces with the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance for this Free Conference

Boise, Idaho The Idaho Department of Finance is co-sponsoring Idaho's 2018 Lewiston Scam Jam Conference on Monday, September 17th at the **Red Lion Hotel, Seaport Room**, Lewiston, Idaho. This popular conference is the third and final to be held in Idaho in 2018, and will address a variety of topics, including information on preventing financial and investment fraud, as well as identity theft avoidance tips. **FREE shredding will be available on site from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.**

The Idaho Scam Jam Alliance is a broad based coalition of non-profit organizations and state agencies with the goal of educating and arming the public with the tools they need to identify and stay protected from fraud and identity theft. The Department is a member of the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance.

Doors will open at 8:15 a.m. and the conference kicks off at 9:00 a.m. with opening ceremonies conducted by **Keith Havens, KLEW News**. The keynote speaker for the event is **Charles Harwood, FTC Regional Director**. The conference includes a complimentary lunch and refreshments and runs until 3:00 p.m., when there will be a drawing for door prizes.

Those interested in attending may register through AARP by calling toll free **1-877-926-8300** or online at <https://aarp.cvent.com/events/aarp-idaho-scam-jam-alliance-scam-jam-lewiston-id-9-17-18/registration-98d3b67e66cc4fa69ac3f8477631c40e.aspx> or on a link on the department's website located at www.finance.idaho.gov.

Members of the Idaho Scam Jam Alliance that have joined together to offer this free Scam Jam Conference include, the **Idaho Department of Finance**, the **Better Business Bureau (BBB)**, the **Idaho Department of Insurance**, **SHIBA**, the **Idaho Office of the Attorney General**, the **Lewiston Police Department**, **AARP**, **Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults (JAVA)**, and **Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. (Boise)**.

The Scam Jam will address Medicare fraud, financial scams, and tips on how to avoid being a victim of identity theft. Attendees will also learn how to recognize and avoid exploitation that can jeopardize their financial future. Department of Finance Securities Bureau Analyst, **Nancy Ax**, will offer a presentation titled "**Investment Fraud**" during a breakout session. The department will also have a booth where attendees can receive free educational information on investments, mortgages, cybersecurity, and consumer finance. In addition to the Department of Finance's participation, experts presenting at the conference include representatives from the **Lewiston Police Department**, **US Postal Inspector**, and the **Lewiston Clarkston Rotary**.

Consumers can obtain information about financial firms, professionals or products, as well as view more department press releases and other information on the Internet at <http://finance.idaho.gov> or by contacting the department at (208) 332-8000 or Idaho toll-free at 1-888-346-3378.