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NEWS RELEASE

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11th Annual National Consumer Protection Week 2009

Idaho Department of Finance Joins the U.S. Postal Service, the Better Business Bureau and other Agencies to Offer Educational Workshops to Idaho Citizens

Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance, is pleased to announce his department's participation in several National Consumer Protection Week events focusing on *Consumer Protection Education*, to be held from March 2nd to the 6th, 2009.

The Department will join the U.S. Postal Service and other agencies in activities including a kick-off event on Monday, March 2nd from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the U.S. Postal Service's Boise Main Post Office, located at 770 S. 13th Street.

On Wednesday, March 4th at 11:30 a.m., Department of Finance Securities Investigator Coleen Hodson will conduct a "Preventing Investment Fraud" workshop at the Library at Collister in Boise.

On March 4th and 5th Department Consumer Affairs Officer Jo Ann Lanham will also be joining the U.S. Postal Service, the Better Business Bureau, the Twin Falls Police Department, and the Social Security Administration to present financial education information at workshops hosted by three Idaho retirement centers. The workshop on March 4th will be hosted by Woodstone Retirement Home in Twin Falls, and on March 5th workshops will be held in Boise at Willow Park Assisted Living, and Heritage Retirement of Boise.

The U.S. Postal Service events conducted at the Boise Post Office and at the Libraries at Hillcrest and Collister are '*free to the community*' and will include a U.S.P.S.-sponsored community shred day on March 6th held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Hillcrest Shopping Center (corner of Overland and Orchard).

For a complete itinerary on National Consumer Protection Week, visit the Idaho Department of Finance website at <http://finance.idaho.gov> or contact the U.S. Postal Service at 208-433-4375 – Boise Post Office.

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