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NAMPA SENIOR SCAM JAM CONFERENCE

Idaho Department of Finance Joins Forces with the Idaho Commission on Aging And Other Sponsors For The Free 2013 Scam Jam Conference

Boise, Idaho The Idaho Department of Finance is co-sponsoring Idaho's 2013 Nampa Senior Scam Jam Conference on April 25th at the Nampa Civic Center. The popular conference will have presentations for attendees in English and Spanish.

Doors open at 8 a.m. and the conference kicks off at 9 a.m. with **Master of Ceremonies Cheryl Tussey**, long-time AARP staffer and volunteer, and a keynote address from **Idaho Department of Finance Director Gavin Gee**. The conference runs until 3:15 p.m., when there will be a drawing for door prizes. The conference includes a complimentary lunch and refreshments.

Those interested in attending may register through AARP **by April 22nd** by calling toll free **1-877-926-8300** or online at http://aarp.event.com/ID_ScamJamNampa. Brochures, in **English** and **Spanish** that outline the event schedule and speaker topics for the conference are available on the department's calendar of events Web site at <http://finance.idaho.gov/Calendar.aspx>.

The sponsors and supporters that have joined together to offer this free Senior Scam Jam Conference include, the **Idaho Department of Finance**, the **Better Business Bureau**, the **Idaho Department of Insurance**, **SHIBA**, the **City of Nampa**, **AARP**, **Shred-it**, **Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults (JAVA)**, **Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. (Boise)**, the **Idaho Bankers Association**, the **Idaho Credit Union League**, **6 On Your Side**, **Fox 9**, **Adelante Media Group**, and the **Idaho Press Tribune**. The conference is primarily funded through a grant obtained by the **Idaho Commission on Aging's Senior Medicare Patrol Program**.

The Senior Scam Jam will address Medicare fraud, foreclosure information, financial scams, and tips on how to avoid being a victim of identity theft. **Department of Insurance Director Bill Deal** will discuss **Healthcare Reform Part I & II**. Seniors also will learn how to recognize and avoid exploitation that can jeopardize their financial future. Department of Finance Senior Securities Analyst **Patricia Highley** will offer a presentation on **Smart Investing; Investing Basics and Investment Fraud** during a breakout session. The department also will have a booth where attendees can receive free educational information on investment and consumer fraud.

In addition to the Department of Finance's participation, experts from the **College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging**, the **IRS**, the **Idaho Attorney General's Office**, **Pocatello Neighborhood Housing Services**, the **Area V Agency on Aging Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)**, and the **Nampa Police Department** will be presenting information and tips on how to avoid scams and abuse that target senior citizens.

Shred-it will have a large shredding truck at the conference site and shredding will be provided **free of charge from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.** Attendees are encouraged to bring personal financial documents for shredding, such as cancelled checks, credit card solicitations, bank statements and other documents containing personal and financial information.

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.