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SCAM JAM COMING TO MERIDIAN MAY 28TH

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 2019 Meridian Scam Jam Conference on Tuesday, May 28th at the **Galaxy Event Center at Wahooz**, Meridian, Idaho. This popular conference will address a variety of topics, including Medicare fraud, preventing financial and investment fraud, reverse mortgages, as well as identity theft avoidance.

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 **Gemma Gaudette, Boise State Public Radio**. The keynote speaker for the event is **Lawrence Wasden, Idaho Attorney General**. 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 aarp.event.com/scamjammeridian2019 or through a link on the department's website 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 **Meridian Police Department**, **AARP**, **Justice Alliance for Vulnerable Adults (JAVA)**, and **Idaho Legal Aid Services, Inc. (Boise)**.

Attendees will learn how to recognize and avoid exploitation that can jeopardize their financial future. Department of Finance Securities Bureau Investigator, **Kristen Butler**, will offer a presentation titled **"Investment Fraud: Tips to Avoid Becoming a Victim"** 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 **Meridian Police Department**, **US Postal Inspector**, **Idaho Housing and Finance Association**, and the **Idaho Crime Prevention Association**.

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.