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Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Presents Border Protection Grant to Boundary County

Boundary County has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$229,008 to increase border protection capabilities in the northernmost county in Idaho. Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Director Col. Bill Shawver will present Boundary County Commission Chair Ron Smith with a check following the Boundary County Local Emergency Planning Committee meeting this Wednesday. The ceremony will take place at the Boundary County Courthouse Commissioners Meeting Room in Bonners Ferry on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 9:00 a.m.

The 2009 Operation Stonegarden funding is a grant from the Federal Department of Homeland Security, passed through BHS to the County. The grant will be used to increase the operational capabilities of law enforcement agencies within U.S. Border States, and will provide resources, equipment and supplies to the Boundary County Sheriff's Office.

"The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is pleased to assist Boundary County in obtaining the Operation Stonegarden Grant," said Col. Shawver. "Securing our state and nation is of vital importance, and this grant will provide our law enforcement agencies with the tools they need to protect our international border."

Note to reporters: The Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security is the State of Idaho's emergency management agency. Please note that Idaho BHS is an Idaho-specific agency, and it is not the same thing as the federal Department of Homeland Security. Within the State of Idaho organizational chart, Idaho BHS is aligned under the State of Idaho Military Division.

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