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Idaho Fourth Annual Cybersecurity Interdependencies Summit *Event features experts in cybersecurity and an exercise for participants*

BOISE – Government and business leaders will gather on Thursday, April 26th, for Idaho’s fourth annual Cybersecurity Interdependencies Summit, hosted by the Idaho Office of Emergency Management (IOEM) at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

“This event provides the best new information on mitigating cybersecurity threats to organizations of all sizes, and we take it one step further,” said Brad Richy, director of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management. “We are also providing a hands-on tabletop exercise to test preparedness measures and reinforce awareness of the multitude of ways our personal and business information can be compromised.”

The summit will feature policy experts discussing trends and best practices, and a cybersecurity interactive simulation exercise. The full-day event also will feature keynote speaker David Shearer, CEO of ISC², the world’s largest professional IT certifying organization.

“Idaho is enhancing our cybersecurity capabilities. That includes requiring that State employees complete cybersecurity awareness training,” said Jeff Weak, director of information security for the State of Idaho. “The need to keep all Idahoans’ information secure is critically important. Each day there are new threats to be aware of, so remaining diligent with the security of your information is essential.”

Additional presentations will focus on key areas of importance in cybersecurity, including information sharing and reporting, changing employee behavior, and the importance of attracting higher numbers of women to IT and cyber-related professions.

“This event presents a remarkable, comprehensive and free opportunity to learn about cybersecurity risks and responsibilities,” said Brad Frazer, a partner with the Boise-based law firm Hawley Troxell. Frazer is one of more than a dozen presenters taking part in the event, and is serving as a member of the panel called “Regional Resources and Available Assistance – Whom to Contact for Incident Reporting and Assistance.”

For information about the event go to <https://www.regionalresilience.org/cyber-security.html>

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