

Radiological Training for Emergency Responders in Idaho

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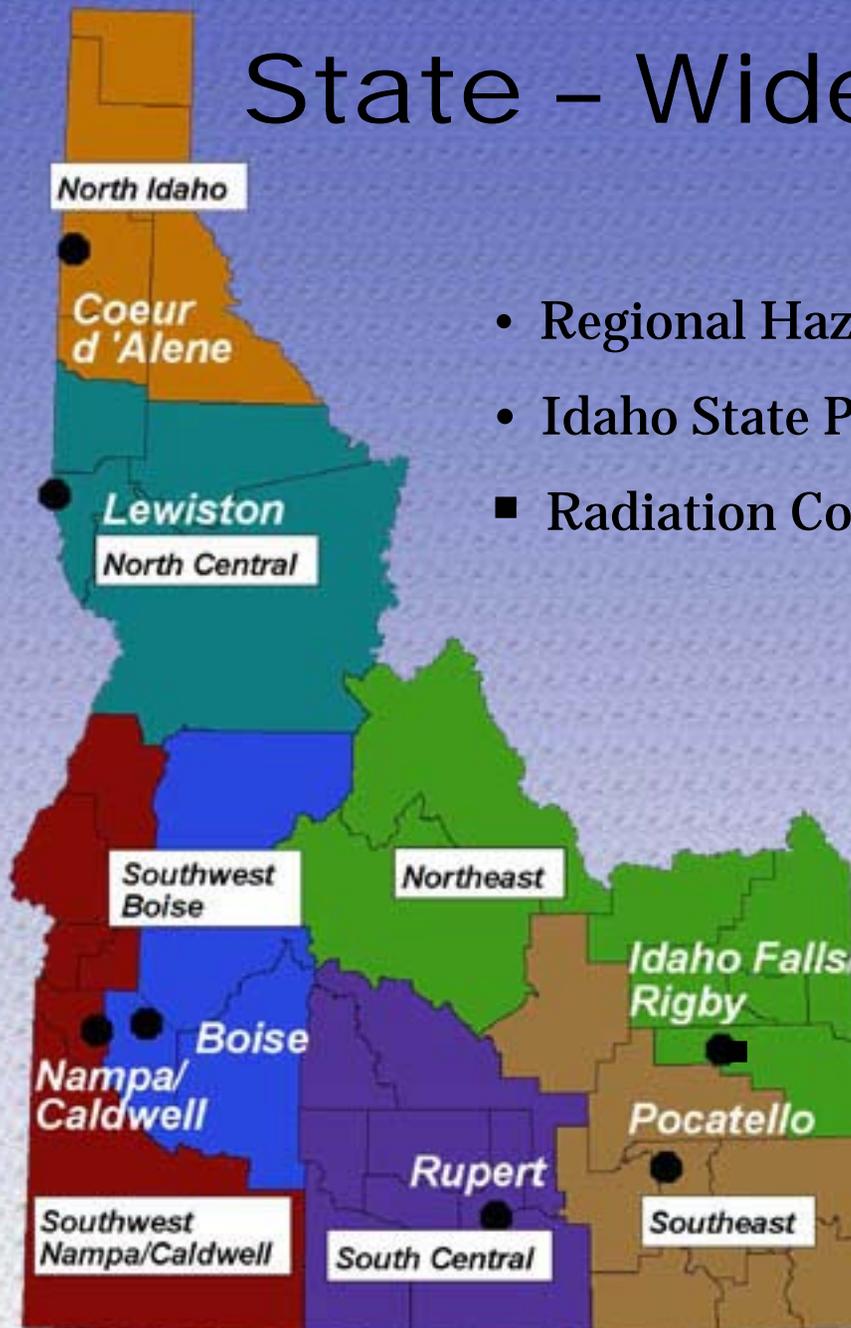




Initial Assessment

- Evaluation of state-wide resources
- Consideration for instrumentation
- Implementation of state-based training

State - Wide Resources



- Regional Haz-Mat Response Teams
- Idaho State Police CVSA/Haz-Mat
- Radiation Control Program

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Response Instrumentation

- Standardized instrumentation
- Annual calibration schedule





State Emergency Response Commission

- Approval for standardizing instrumentation within the regional response structure
- Adopted the DOE-MERRTT as the core training for radioactive materials
- Assigned Radiation Control Program to manage the training program



Idaho Radiation Control Program

- Responsible for radiological training of first responders
- Utilized the DOE-MERRTT program during the years 2001-2002
- Managed training program through the State Emergency Services Training.



Developing a State-Specific Program

- In 2003, the IRCP used the DOE TEPP model for adopting a state radiological planning and training program, the Idaho Radiation Emergency Preparedness Program (IREPP)



Understanding the Training Needs





IREPP Components

- Idaho Modular Emergency Response Radiological Training (IMERRT)
- Hands-on exercise packages
- Drill and exercise packages
- Radiological training for hospital personnel
- Website for requesting training and downloading modules





Idaho Modular Emergency Response Radiological Training

- Maintained the core training elements of the DOE-MERRTT
- Added state-specific information and modules to balance ongoing priorities for radiological training

Radioactive material shipments in Idaho

Information resources

Appendix for specific instrumentation and dosimetry

Naval spent fuel shipments

Radioactive Dispersal Devices (RDD)

Idaho Domestic Preparedness Training Program

- Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

Institute of Emergency Management,
Idaho State University

Statewide Domestic Preparedness
Training Advisory Committee



Statewide Domestic Preparedness Training

Goals:

- Train all responders to WMD awareness
- Encourage collaboration across agencies
- Develop confidence in response to a WMD event
- Develop an understanding of WMD incident needs
- To partner with currently established training programs

Statewide Domestic Preparedness Training Advisory Committee

- Identified and grouped the constituents
- Compiled a listing of training courses
- Organized a subcommittee to review and identify courses to be included in curriculum
- Developed a curriculum matrix





Training Curriculum Matrix

- Awareness Level
- Incident Command System
- Performance / Operations Level
- Planning / Management Level
- Multi-Agency Coordination Training

Incorporating IMERRT into the Statewide Domestic Training

- Recommended by the the Training Advisory Committee for Performance / Operations Level
- Approved by the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security
- Memorandum of Understanding with the Institute of Emergency Management, ISU





Summary

- IMERRT has been approved as part of the Statewide Domestic Preparedness Training Program
- Training costs will be covered for response agencies not currently located on transportation corridors
- For more information:
 - Idaho Domestic Training Program: www.isu.edu/idiem
 - IREPP: www.irepp.org



The End Result



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