



News Release

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COMPASS Education Series Speaker to Address the Role of Transportation in Emergency Planning and Procedures

Meridian, ID – The Community Planning Association of Southwest Idaho (COMPASS) will host Mr. Gary Gleason of Nusura, Inc., on February 8 and 9, 2011, as part of its ongoing education series. Mr. Gleason's presentations are co-sponsored by the Community Transportation Association of Idaho (CTAI).

Southwest Idaho has not had to deal with large scale disasters as have faced many other parts of our nation; however, that does not mean we are immune. Mr. Gleason will discuss recent lessons learned in evacuation planning, personal emergency preparedness planning, and the role of transportation during critical incidents to help us be better prepared should disaster strike.

The presentation is free and open to the public.

- Tuesday, February 8, 2011
- Library! at Cole and Ustick, 7557 West Ustick Road, Boise
- 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. reception
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. presentation and discussion
- **FREE!** Please RSVP to jwilson@compassidaho.org or 208/855-2558 x 222

Mr. Gleason will give a second presentation, *Emergency Planning and Gap Analysis – The Role of Transportation in Critical Incidents*, at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 9, at the City Council Chambers at Eagle City Hall (660 E. Civic Lane, Eagle). This presentation will be targeted to transportation officials, planning staff, emergency managers, and others who plan for emergencies; however, anyone is welcome to attend. This presentation is also free.

Mr. Gleason is Vice-President of Nusura, Inc., an emergency management consulting firm, where he specializes in the role of transportation in emergency response and recovery.

Prior to Nusura, Gleason worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), ultimately working 20 major disasters around the U.S., including fires, floods, hurricanes, and tornadoes, including spending a month at Ground Zero. He also helped write FEMA's crisis communications plan for the 2002 Olympic Games in Salt Lake City.

COMPASS offers presentations through its education series throughout the year to address issues such as growth, land use, transportation planning, and funding. For more information on this and future presentations, visit www.compassidaho.org/comm/publicevents_2011_ed_series.htm.

Those needing assistance please call 208/855-2558, ext. 231 48 hours in advance. Personas que necesitan asistencia especial, favor de llamar al número 208/855-2558, ext. 231 con 48 horas de aviso.

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