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MT VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS RECEIVE CASH AWARDS
Winners of Fraud Coalition video contest

BOISE ID (February 8, 2013) – Students from Mountain View High School in Meridian received cash awards this week for their entries in the Idaho Fraud Awareness Coalition's video contest. The Coalition, organized by the Idaho Department of Insurance, sponsored the contest in an effort to encourage teens to be more aware of the prevalence of insurance fraud in Idaho.

Two \$1,000.00 awards were presented to the winning student groups. An additional \$1,000.00 award was presented to the school's Broadcasting Club. Student winners were Joe Bradshaw, Ethan Holt, Joshua Webb and Dylan Grzanic. Mike Gartner is the club's faculty advisor.

"Insurance fraud is very real. These students have done research and are just beginning to understand the broad scope of the problem," says Department Director Bill Deal. "As they leave school and prepare to take on responsibilities apart from their families, the information they have learned will help to protect them and their communities from fraudulent activity."

Insurance fraud is a costly white-collar crime in America, second only to tax evasion. Fraudulent insurance claims add up to at least \$80 billion annually in the United States, resulting in higher insurance premiums for everyone.

The winning videos will be posted on the Idaho Fraud Awareness Coalition website, www.fightfraudidaho.com. A link to the website is available on the Department of Insurance website, www.doi.idaho.gov.

About the Department of Insurance

The Idaho Department of Insurance has been regulating the business of insurance in Idaho since 1901. The mission of the Department is to equitably, effectively and efficiently administer the Idaho Insurance Code and the International Fire Code. For more information, visit www.doi.idaho.gov.

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