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## RELEASE OF DEPARTMENT INFORMATION TO THE MEDIA

## **Purpose**

The Board directs the Director to establish rules governing the release of information to the news media.

## Legal Authority

- Idaho Code 40-314(1) The Board may establish the departmental internal structure deemed necessary for the full and efficient administration of Title 40.
- Idaho Code 40-314(3) The Board may exercise any power or duty deemed necessary to carry out the provisions of Title 40.

The Department Director or other designated employees may represent the Department in contacts with the news media in releasing information about the Department.

The Department Director shall establish the rules for Department employees governing release of said information with the following qualification:

Any news releases which are issued in the name of the Board shall be approved by the Department Director and Board Chairman prior to release.

Approved by the Board on:

Signed

February 19, 2014

Jerry Whitehead Board Chairman