

# **Idaho Falls Police Department**

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The Idaho Falls Police Department, the Bonneville County Sheriff's Office and Idaho Falls School District 91 conducted a successful emergency response training at Skyline High School Wednesday morning.

"It went about as good as we could have hoped for," IFPD Lt. Royce Clements said.

Thirty members of the city and county SWAT teams converged on the high school, with the cooperation of the district, to practice the tactical maneuvers required to evacuate a school in the aftermath of an active shooter.

The training happened between 10:30 a.m. and 11:40 a.m.

Clements said this is the second time both SWAT teams have participated in a school evacuation of this caliber. The practice provides vital knowledge in the event a real-life incident with an active shooter occurs in Idaho Falls or Bonneville County.

"When you can practice it without the real even it allows us to test what will work and what won't work," he said.

Clements added that the students, teachers and faculty at Skyline High School did a great job in handling the drill and making it a successful learning process for the officers and the district.

Wednesday's event is only a piece of the continued training the IFPD SWAT team participates in on a monthly basis. Clements said continuous training is essential for establishing precision and expertise among its members.

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