INL safety drills instill security

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two-part story

Hwy. 26, to protect the the Idaho State Police. participants and the observers.

to practice and maintain mutual aid emergency

response capabilities of Butte County and the INL. Involved in the drill This is part two of a were the INL fire department, security and emergency management de-IDAHO NATIONAL LAB- partment, Butte County ORATORY — The sup- sheriff and emergency posed accident was set medical services from on the road leading to Lost River Hospital, the EBR-1, rather than on Arco fire department and

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One of the 'victims' at the INL-Butte County drill is transported from the pick-up to a waiting ambulance on Tuesday.

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"Helping each other out is essential," INL News The drill was conducted Media contact Lori McNa-

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The next drill for INL is Thursday with the Idaho Falls Police in Idaho Falls.

INL Fire Chief Gosswiller said, "The INL drills all the time."

"victims" The moved, via ambulance, to the Lost River Rest Area where they were met by an air ambulance where emergency medical personnel from Lost River Hospital practiced moving a patient from an ambulance into an air ambulance helicopter. When the "patients" were delivered to the Lost River Hospital in Arco, the hospital crew was ready to practice an emergency drill on site.

The next mutual aid drill for INL is today, Thursday, April 13, with the Idaho Falls Police in Idaho Falls.