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**DECEMBER'S "CALLING CITY HALL" HAS TWO TOPICS**  
*Idaho Meth Project and Drug Take-Back Program to be Discussed*

Mayor Brian Blad invites citizens to join him tomorrow, December 6, 2011, for "Calling City Hall," the Mayor's monthly call-in program. The show will begin at 6:30 p.m. and is aired live on Government Access Television, Channel 11. Mayor Blad's guests this month will be Council President Eva Nye; Traci Santillanes, Idaho Meth Project Volunteer Leader; and Lt. Paul Manning, Pocatello Police Department.

The first half of the program will feature Ms Santillanes with the Idaho Meth Project. She will discuss how meth affects each person in our community. She will also preview the new anti-meth ad campaign launched by a coalition of eight states, which includes Public Service Announcements and online resources for teens and their parents. More information on this campaign can be found at [www.methproject.com](http://www.methproject.com).

During the second half of the program, the Mayor will be joined by Lt. Paul Manning. He will talk about meth use in our community and what our Police Department is doing to combat it. He will also discuss the Drug Take-Back Program, which addresses a vital public safety and public health issue. Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, and the majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. Learn how you can support this initiative by cleaning out those medicine cabinets. No questions asked!

"Calling City Hall" is shown live the first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. The program helps citizens learn more about city government and community issues, while providing an opportunity to call in with any questions, suggestions, or concerns they may have.

For more information about this program, Government Access Television, or Public Access Television, please contact Video Services at 234-6280.

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