Director’s Message

Mother Nature may have been a little kinder to Utah in 2016 than in 2015. We did have three tornadoes, various wildfires, and flooding, thankfully, we did not have the devastating number of fatalities we saw the previous year. While we did have a fire that qualified for federal assistance and major flooding in Carbon County, we had no new major disaster declarations.

We did not however, let this reprieve put us on our heels.

We, at the Division of Emergency Management, use these years as our building, training, and mitigating years. We strove to learn lessons from disasters outside of Utah and took time to educate elected officials and key staff members about emergency management.

2016 also held some very important findings. For instance, a report from the Utah Geological Survey and other scientific partners concluded that Utah has a 57% chance of having a magnitude 6 or greater earthquake within the next 50 years. This information, along with all new findings, are extremely useful in our constant preparation and planning.

While the effort to respond to emergencies ebbs and flows with each day or week, the emergency management phases of preparedness, recovery, and mitigation require constant attention.

This year, we call on emergency managers and elected officials to take advantage of the time we have to make our state stronger, to increase our level of preparedness, to identify mitigation opportunities, to create protective ordinances and laws and to engage the whole community in these efforts.

Mother Nature has given us a small window of opportunity to do these things, so we are making the most of it.

Sincerely,

Kris J. Hamlet
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- ESF #14 Recovery
- ESF #15 Public Information
- ESF #16 Military Support

**VDCT**

- Air Operations

**Utah Division of Emergency Management**

2016 Theme

**SET YOUR SAILS**

Directional Intentional Successful

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Legislative Highlights

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DPS Safety Committee
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State Search and Rescue Advisory Board
State Urban Search and Rescue Advisory Board
State Citizen Corps Council
Beehive Drive

FEMA Region VIII Regional Advisory Council
Public Health and Hospital Preparedness Advisory Committee
Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP) Standards Subcommittee
Intermountain Center for Disaster Preparedness (ICDP)
Greater Salt Lake Area - Red Cross Executive Committee
EPA Region VIII Regional Response Team (RRT)
Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC)
Utah Floodplain and Stormwater Management Association (UFSMA)
Utah Cyber Incident Response Working Group
Utah Counterterrorism Working Group
Utah Continuity of Operations Working Group
Intermedix WebEOC User Advisory Board
Intermedix Mapping Working Group
Region VIII WebEOC Administrators Working Group

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DEM Training:
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- 1239 Participants

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Pillowcase Project (replacing MOD):
- Classrooms taught: 17
- Students involved: 1853

Masters of Disaster (being phased out):
- Kits disseminated: 131
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- Schools involved: 7

Murray School District: Horizon and Viewmont Elementary School Seismic Retrofit from the PDM Grant
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- $1,988,603 total project
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EMAC - Emergency Management Assistance Compact

Ready Your Business expands through presentations, newsletters and social media

COOP - Continuity of Operations Plan
- 130 people present,
- The Whole Community - 35 NFIP Community Assisted Visits
- 24 counties
- 82 NFIP Community Assisted Contacts
- 335 NFIP General Technical Assistance

EMAC- Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- Cyber TTX's (2) - 43 participants

RDRC - National Disaster Resilience Competition
- UFSMA - 150 participants
- CCDCs - 106 participants
- ARES/RACES Conf. - 87 participants

UDOH - Utah Department of Health

Demographic Information:
- 150 attended the UFSMA Conference held in St. George
- 215 Utah communities participating in NFIP
- 2,295 ARES/RACES Liaisons attended
- 765 + meetings, DEM events
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- LEPC - 100 participants
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Be Ready Utah conducted the 2-day State Citizen Corps Leadership Summit with 49 people attending

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Be Ready Utah saw 34,379 people (approximately)
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Be Ready Utah attended 151 fairs or presentations year to date.

Be Ready Utah saw 34,379 people (approximately) at those events.

$293,228 reimbursed to 24 counties participating in the Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program.

2,295 ARES/RACES volunteers available to provide radio communications.

82,068 miles traveled statewide by liaisons.

99 responses/notifications by Liaisons to disaster or HazMat related events.

32 Weekly Briefings and 107 Situation Reports created.

99 state agency COOP plans updated to keep our state running.

Be Ready Utah trained 44 state employees in CERT, total of CERT trained employees on Capitol Hill to 72.

Liasons attended 144 LEPCs, 765 + meetings, and supported 86 DEM events.

Be Ready Utah conducted the Whole Community Disaster Simulation Exercise with 130 people present, representing 68 jurisdictions.

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40 DEM employee interviews with 13 media outlets during 2016.

Utah PSM Training included the Utah BLM, UDOT, Washington County, Utah County, Tooele County, Salt Lake County, Tri-County Area, and prioritizing critical infrastructure.

4 counties have begun identifying 82 NFIP Community Assisted Visits.

335 NFIP General Technical Assistance presentations, newsletters and social media.

150 attended the UFSMA - 150 participants.

- CCDCs - 106 participants
- ARES/RACES Conf. - 87 participants
- PIO Conference - 173 participants
- Public Safety Summit - 450 participants

- $994,301.50 federal share
- $1,988,603 total project

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A Timeline
REGION 1
Northern Utah

212,202 Participants

Hosted 15 Training Courses with 314 participants

64 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated

$2,003,180 awarded in Non-Disaster Funds

$45,000 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds

$0 awarded in Disaster Funds

6 Communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

86 Citizen Corps Programs (CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)

64 Search and Rescue Missions

Region 1 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

**Certifications:**
- USDA CERT
- 5 MRCs
- 2 Army Corps of Engineers
- 3 Neighborhood Watch
- 43 VIPS

**Special Project Funds Awarded:**
- $82,500

**Non-Disaster Funds Awarded:**
- $1,943,376

**EMPJ Awarded:**
- $2,003,180

**Participants:**
- 212,202

**Training Courses Hosted:**
- 15

**Exercises DEM Participated In:**
- 64
REGION 1
Northern Utah

*Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

Search and Rescue Missions
S.O.S.
64
Participants

$45,000 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds
$1,943,376 awarded in Non-Disaster Funds
*includes EMPG project funds
$0 awarded in Disaster Funds
Region 1 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

659,562 Participants
Hosted 12 Training Courses with 236 participants
47 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated

Citizen Corps Programs
(CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)

REGION 2
Wasatch Front

*Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

Search and Rescue Missions
S.O.S.
227
Participants

$82,500 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds
$1,943,376 awarded in Non-Disaster Funds
*includes EMPG project funds

Region 2 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

2 Communities participating in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

16 Search and Rescue Missions

Hosted 12 Training Courses with 236 participants
47 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated

2 Citizen Corps Programs
(CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)
REGION 3
Central Utah

62,880 Participants

$618,489 awarded in Non-Disaster Funds
$5,500 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds
$0 awarded in Disaster Funds

45 Search and Rescue Missions

18 Citizen Corps Programs (CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)

15 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated

3 Training Courses with 40 participants

Southeastern Citizen Corps Conference, Cedar City, Iron County

Region 3 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

*Includes EMPG project funds

Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

Central Utah Citizen Corps Conference
REGION 5
Northeastern

5,030 Participants

Hosted 1 Training Courses with 11 participants
7 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated *including 4 with the Ute Tribe

$458,410 awarded in Non-Disaster Funds *includes EMPG project funds

Region 5 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

$0 awarded in Disaster Funds

$10,000 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds

*Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

6 Search and Rescue Missions

5030 Participants

9 Citizen Corps Programs (CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)

Uintah Basin Citizen Corps Conference, Vernal, Uintah County

$312,024 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds

$2,500 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds

Region 6 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

*Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

7 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated *including 4 with the Ute Tribe
REGION 6
Castle Country

REGION 5
Northeastern Search and Rescue Missions S.O.S.
5,030 Participants
$10,000
$458,410
*Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

Uintah Basin Citizen Corps Conference, Vernal, Uintah County (CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)
Hosted 1 Training Courses with 11 participants
7 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated
7 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated

Region 5 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated
$0 awarded in Disaster Funds
$312,024 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds
*includes EMPG project funds

Citizen Corps Programs (CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)
Conducted Citizen Corps Outreach at Community Events

REGION 6
Castle Country

$2,500 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds

$312,024 awarded in Non-Disaster Funds
*includes EMPG project funds

0 awarded in Disaster Funds
Region 6 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

3,318 Participants

10 Search and Rescue Missions

9 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated

*Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports
REGION 7
Four Corners

2,527 Participants

4 Citizen Corps Programs (CERT, MRC, Fire Corps, VIPS, Neighborhood Watch)

174 Search and Rescue Missions

$5,000 awarded in EMPG Special Project Funds

$311,029 awarded in Non-Disaster Funds (includes EMPG project funds)

$0 awarded in Disaster Funds

8 Exercises DEM participated in or evaluated

Disaster Funds awarded

Region 7 has not experienced any recent disasters where disaster pass-through funding was allocated

Community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System

Based on Search and Rescue Financial Assistance Program Reports

Purchased a new preparedness trailer through Citizen Corps

Utah Search and Rescue Advisory Board

It takes the whole community to prepare for disasters.
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