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# Government can't do it alone, it takes the "Whole Community" in an emergency

As the effects of the Japan earthquake and tsunami are still being evaluated, the size and catastrophic effects are making government at all levels struggle with the limitations of its capabilities.

The simple reality is in a small disaster, the government can expand its reach and deliver services more efficiently and cost effectively by partnering with institutions, groups and individuals already active in the impacted communities.

Government can no longer assume that it can solve disaster management challenges on its own, and how effectively government at every level engages with and leverages the resources of other segments of society will determine how suc-



Minato, Japan was devastated following the March 11 earthquake and tsunami. We've learned it takes more than government to recover. *Photo: Lance Cpl. Ethan Johnson, U.S. Marine Corps* 

cessful the nation's response is, as a whole. We must fundamentally change how we go about disaster management and embrace

a philosophy and operational system that leverages, and serves, the "Whole Community."

This is not a new concept, but FEMA wants to reiterate that it's the "whole community" (volunteer, faith and community-based organizations, the private sector, and the public, including survivors themselves) – not just the government – that can effectively mitigate, prepare for, protect against, respond to, and recover from any disaster. Inside this issue:

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Hachinohe, Japan. Photo: Navy Cryptologic Tech. 2nd Class Thomas Ahern

# Earthquake Preparedness Week— April 3-9, 2011

In the past year, we've witnessed devastating earthquakes in New Zealand, China, Mexico and Japan that resulted in high loss of life, buildings and infrastructure. Earthquakes caused nearly 227,000 deaths in 2010 in various countries around the world.

In Utah, more than 90% of the population is located in areas subject to large earthquakes. The Federal Emergency Management Agency has ranked Utah sixth in projected annualized earthquake loss in the United States.

Along with the preparedness efforts of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, the Structural Engineers Association of Utah and the Be Ready Utah program, Governor Hebert signed a proclamation this month declaring April 3-9 as "Earthquake Preparedness Week."

Communities are encouraged to select the month of April to focus on earthquake and disaster preparedness, using resources such as the Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country handbook and the State's Be *Ready Utah* website. The handbook and other earthquake preparedness tips can be viewed and downloaded at www.BeReadyUtah.gov.

For hard copies of *Putting Down Roots* and other preparedness materials, contact us at 801-538-3400.

For additional earthquake information, please visit the following links:

Preparing Your Family ussc.utah.gov/pdf/prepare/eg\_family.pdf

Utah Geological Survey geology.utah.gov

U of U Seismograph Stations www.seis.utah.edu

Utah Seismic Safety Commission ussc.utah.gov

U of U Seismograph Stations Earthquake Information www.guake.utah.edu/EQCENTER/egcenter.htm

# 2012 Utah ShakeOut–Course of Action (COA)

Last year, through our Integrated Working Group meetings, we validated planning assumptions and objectives. Now we need to figure out the best path to get what we need to respond and recover from a catastrophic event. That path is a Course of Action or COA (because we love our acronyms). This COA will be the recommended way of dealing with our shortfalls of resources for that specific task and will be written into our Catastrophic Plan. There will be 13 separate meetings conducted.

These 13 meetings are based off of FEMA's 13 Core Capabilities. These core capabilities represent the highest priority essential functions necessary for both saving and sustaining lives, and stabilizing the site and the situation within 72 hours. The first six "enable" a rapid and effective response, while the remainder

explicitly address the needs and priorities of the people and communities impacted by the catastrophic event.

Here is the schedule for the COA meetings. If there is a meeting listed here that you would like to attend, please contact us, we would love to have your participation. Schedules can change, so check back to make sure the meeting you want to attend is still scheduled for that same date. Meetings will be held at the State Office Building in Room B110 or in the EOC.

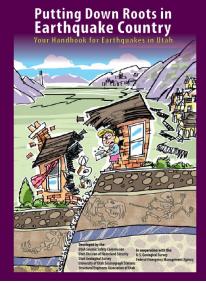
We look forward to having you take part in this critical planning effort. If you have any questions on these meetings, please don't hesitate to email Judy Watanabe at judywatanabe@utah.gov.

Situation Assessment – June 1-3 Public Messaging – June 13-14 Critical Communications - June 15-16 Environmental Health & Safety - June 21 On Scene Security & Protection – June 22-23 Critical Transportation - June 28-30 Mass Search and Rescue - July 6-7 Command, Control & Coordination - July 13-14 Mass Care Services - July 19-21 Public & Private Services / Resources - July 26-28 Stabilize / Repair Essential Infrastructure - Aug. 2-4 Health and Medical Treatment - Aug. 15-16 Fatality Management - Aug. 17

Cover of Putting Down Roots in Earthquake

Country. Created by the Utah Seismic Safety Commission, 2008

Don't forget to check out our 2012 Utah ShakeOut website for more information: http://site.utah.gov/dps/homeland security/ShakeOut2012.htm



## **GRANTS Update**

#### 2011 EMPG & Homeland Security Grant Update

As you are aware, the federal government has been operating without a final Fiscal Year (FY) 2011 Appropriations Act and has continued operating under several continuing resolutions since October 1, 2010.

Without an appropriation, FEMA is unable to provide federal grant guidance for the several preparedness grant programs administered by our office. FEMA has recently informed the state to anticipate a shorterthan-normal application period and grant guidance similar to FY 2010.

We strongly encourage local jurisdictions to begin some basic preparation on FY 2011 application materials, including the drafting of budgets and justifications based on 2010 local grant guidance. Until FEMA provides federal grant guidance, the Division of Homeland Security is not able to provide local grant guidance, determine local funding levels or commit funds to local jurisdictions. The federal grant guidance will also determine whether grant funds can be applied retroactively. We will keep you informed as we receive additional information. If you have any questions, please contact your regional liaison or Russ Fillmore at rfillmore@utah.gov

Grant information will be posted to our website at: http://publicsafety.utah.gov/homelandsecurity/grants.html

## **Citizen Corps and CERT—FEMA Announces Basic Training Updates**

-Information provided from FEMA's CERT National Program Office

citizen Corps The updated Community Emergency Response Team Basic Training course is the same effective training as before, with the units and topics organized in the same way. However, edits were made throughout all of the course materials including the Participant Manual, Instructor Guide, and the PowerPoint files. These changes brought protocols up-to-date and ensured the content is as clear as possible for those taking the training. CERT instructors are encouraged to review all of the updated materials.

#### Who made the changes?

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FEMA worked with a panel of 12 experienced CERT trainers from across the country, followed by a review by local CERT programs designated by the CERT or CERT/Citizen Corps coordinator in each state. FEMA senior leadership and FEMA's technical review team also reviewed and commented on the updated material.

## Where can I find the new material?

The course files are now available on the national CERT website. Please visit www.citizencorps.gov/ cert and click on "Training Materials." An updated Participant Manual in low-vision format is also available. If

your local CERT program needs the Participant Manual in Braille, please contact your state program manager. Please note that the updated Instructor Guide references a series of videos that CERT trainers may want to use when they conduct the Basic Training course. These videos are available on the website by clicking on "Video Material" on the home page.

## What comes next?

Later this year, the CERT National Office will post a new CERT Train-the-Trainer course and the new CERT Program Manager course.

Thank you for your continued support of CERT, and for all you do in preparing for and responding to disasters in your community!

If you have questions, please contact Jeff Johnson at 801.538.3644 or jeffjohnson@utah.gov



CERT training, by Rokhed via Flickr Creative Commons

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#### **Training and Exercise Update**

Are you planning any exercises this year? We would love to hear about them and put them on our calendar. Email Kris Repp (krepp@utah.gov) with your exercise dates. Also, please post your exercises on NEXS and complete an After Action Report and Improvement Plan once they are finished. This helps us all with our EMPG requirements and allows us to learn from your successes. Also, if you have any questions regarding NEXS access or how to enter your exercises, please contact Marc DiFrancesco (mdifrancesco@utah.gov) or Kris Repp.

**Are you sitting down?** There is a new online NIMS class. IS-706 Intrastate Mutual Aid provides an introduction to NIMS intrastate mutual aid and assistance. You will learn about the purpose and benefits of mutual aid and assistance. You will also learn about the emphasis that NIMS places on mutual aid and assistance. The course explains how to develop mutual aid and assistance agreements and mutual aid operational plans.

**April 21, 2011,** is our annual City and County Director's Conference (CCDC) on natural hazards. This conference will showcase the experts on the natural hazards that may cause us concern this spring and summer. These experts have all the data on our flooding potential, landslide situations, dam safety and wildfire potential statewide. It is always good to hear from our partners in these areas. We certainly learn a lot and renew friendships with them when they are here. We hope you can attend this conference. Sign up for the CCDC and all our courses on U-TRAIN at <u>www.utah.train.org</u>. The agenda is posted there as well.

**On May 3-5**, the Governor's Public Safety Summit will take place at the Davis Conference Center in Layton. The agenda is packed with excellent speakers and presentations. You won't want to miss this conference. To register click here - <u>http://hpscorecard.dts.utah.gov/pdc/2011SafetySummit.php</u>

**Our website** has an up-to-date training schedule, where you can also register for any of the other classes we are offering. Thank you for your continued support of our training and we look forward to seeing you at a future class.

## **Trainings**– **Conferences**– **Exercises and Meetings**

Courses with + are Advanced Professional Series <i>Training</i> April		Location	Course ID
5-6 G-775+	EOC Management and Operations	Capitol Campus	1011065
11-12 G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Riverton	1011051
12-13	Animals in Disaster Workshop	Provo	*see website
18-19 G-400	ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System	Price	1011057
19-20 AH-IMT	Logistics Section Chief (part 1)	Brigham City	1021315
25-29 AH-IMT	Academy (IC, General Staff, and Command Staff)	Grand Junction, CO	
27-28 AH-IMT	Logistics Section Chief (part 2)	Brigham City	1021315
27-28 G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Salt Lake City	1011051

\*If interested in attending the Animals in Disaster workshop, please visit: https://sites.google.com/site/uearcinc/animals-in-disasters-workshop

#### May

10-11 G-400	ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System	Capitol Campus	1011057
17-18 G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Vernal	1011051
17-19 L-969	Communications Unit Leader (COML)	St. George	info coming
24 G-191+	ICS/EOC Interface	Capitol Campus	1011067
31,1,2 G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Tremonton	101151

# Trainings- Conferences- Exercises and Meetings (cont.)

<i>Traini</i> June	ing		Location	Course ID
1	G-270.4+	Recovery from Disaster, Local Government Role	Capitol Campus	1011066
15	G-244	Developing and Managing Volunteers	Capitol Campus	1020191
16	G-288	Donations Management Workshop	Capitol Campus	1011068
21-22	G-202	Debris Management Planning	Capitol Campus	1015557
28-29	G-290	Basic Public Information Officer	Logan	1011053
30	G-291	JIS/JIC Planning Course	Logan	1020466

#### **Conferences and Workshops**

April 19-21	2011 Lt. Governor's Conference on Service Partnering for Impact www.volunteers.utah.gov		
April 21	City and County Directors Conference (CCDC)	Red Lion	1021336
May 3-5	*Governor's Public Safety Summit	Davis Convention Center	

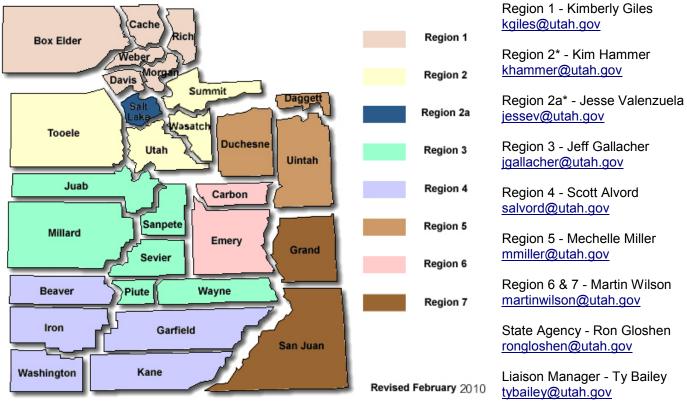
\*For registration and information regarding the Governor's Public Safety Summit, please visit: http://publicsafety.utah.gov/dps/safety\_summit.html

Exercises and Meetings			Contact
April 8	Private Sector Homeland Security Coordinating Council	Rio Tinto Stadium	Ryan Longman
April 12	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey
April 13	SERC meeting	State Office Bldg	Ty Bailey
May 3	Private Sector Homeland Security Coordinating Council	Rio Tinto Stadium	Ryan Longman
May 10	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey
May 26	Logistics - Utah Shake Out TTX	Salt Lake City	Judy Watanabe
June 6-9	Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC)	State Office Bldg	Judy Watanabe
June 10	Private Sector Homeland Security Coordinating Council	Rio Tinto Stadium	Ryan Longman
June 14	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	Bob Carey

\*If you have questions regarding the exercises or meetings above, please contact the event coordinator.Bob Carey at <a href="mailto:bcarey@utah.gov">bcarey@utah.gov</a>Bob Carey at <a href="mailto:bcarey@utah.gov">bcarey@utah.gov</a>

For more training and exercise information, please visit our website at: <u>http://publicsafety.utah.gov/homelandsecurity/training.html</u> or register using the course ID on U-TRAIN at: <u>https://www.utah.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx</u>

#### **Division of Homeland Security—Regional Community Support Liaisons**



\* Regions 2 and 2a are not separate regions

Important links to remember

Division of Homeland Security: <u>http://homelandsecurity.utah.gov</u>

Be Ready Utah: <u>http://bereadyutah.gov/</u>

Incident Manager Powered by WebEOC: <u>https://veocutah.sungard.com</u>

Utah Emergency Info: <u>http://www.utahemergencyinfo.com</u>

UEMA: www.uemaonline.com

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