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Utah Emergency Management

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America's PrepareAthon! is a community-based campaign that is bringing together millions of people to practice the simple steps that will help them get and stay prepared for disasters. Follow America's PrepareAthon! on Twitter @PrepareAthon using #PrepareAthon.

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Dear Colleagues,

For ages, emergency managers have been concerned with natural and manmade hazards: floods, fires, winds, earthquakes, chemical spills and every awful thing that has happened in the past or to other communities. But, with the widespread growth of the Internet, and the explosion of mobile devices and mobile apps in the past 20 years, cyber hazards have put our families at risk. Learning about the dangers online and taking action to protect ourselves is the first step in making the internet a safer place for everyone.

September is National Preparedness Month and followed by Cybersecurity Awareness Month in October. During those two months, Utah

DEM will be active on the web and on social media, sharing resources to help the public understand hazards, both natural and technological, and to be better prepared. I invite you to share those messages on your website and with your social media channels to help you and your residents. We will post toolkits from FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security on our websites for your use; helping you to help your communities to stop, think, and connect.

October also brings an important deadline for emergency managers seeking professional certification through the Utah Certified Emergency Manager (UCEM) or the Utah Associate Emergency Manager (UAEM) program. October 30 is the deadline for submissions for the UCEM and UAEM designations at the UEMA conference in January. You can find the application on our [website](#) and on the UEMA [website](#). This certification program is designed to promote the professionalism of emergency management in Utah.

We are pleased to have received 15 applications in the first review group and look forward to honoring several of them at the upcoming City and County Directors Conference in Richfield in October. Congrats to all who applied and have helped to further professionalize our discipline of emergency management.

Best Regards,

Kris J. Hamlet

Director

Utah Division of Emergency Management





Photo credit: Durango Herald

By Angelia Crowther, DEM - Four Corners Liaison

On Wednesday August 5, 2015 the EPA unexpectedly released waste water from the King Mine located in Silverton, Colorado during an investigation of contamination. Three million gallons of the mine's waste water spilt into Cement Creek which is a tributary stream of the Animas River in Colorado. The Animas River flows southwest through Colorado until it hits New Mexico turning into the San Juan River. The San Juan River continues southwest into the State of Utah, and continues to flow through the Navajo Nation Communities of Aneth, Montezuma Creek, Mexican Hat, Halchita and eventually into Lake Powell.

The public was advised not to use the Animas or San Juan River's water for recreational use, agriculture, or public use until tests conducted would prove it safe. State agencies deployed several resources to assist with local efforts to take necessary actions to protect the public's health and property.

Area command, unified command posts, and EOCs were activated within the States of Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, also within the Navajo Nation and local county governments. Joint Operation Centers were orga-

nized in Durango, Colorado and Salt Lake City, Utah. Press Releases from the State of Utah were released to media to get information out to the public to establish a uniform messaging. Daily coordination calls were facilitated to ensure information was shared to all Utah agencies.

San Juan County Emergency Manager, Kelly Pehrson immediately began to assist the Navajo Nation communities of Aneth, Montezuma Creek, Mexican Hat, and Halchita with water needs for human use and livestock until the Navajo Nation no longer requested assistance from the county, State of Utah and the EPA.

Because the incident was so complex and communication was difficult at times, the Utah Division of Emergency Management deployed a small team, along with their command post, to San Juan County to assist in their local efforts, assisting the Utah communities within the Navajo Nation. The team consisted of a Public Information Officer, a Liaison Officer, a Logistics specialist and a Planner. The State EOC activated to a Level 3 - Monitoring. Multiple agencies continue coordination efforts, including dissemination of information and plans for long term monitoring.

I am deeply disappointed by the actions of the Environmental Protection Agency. It was a preventable mistake, and they must be held accountable," Gov. Herbert said. "Our top priority will continue to be the safety of Utahns and wildlife affected. With potential long-term implications, the emergency proclamation will allow us to continue to support affected businesses and communities."

- Governor Gary Herbert

Wade Mathews, DEM - Be Ready Utah



As Emergency Managers, we know how important our plans, training, exercises and supplies are to be better able to respond to emergencies and disasters. We also know how important it is for families and individuals to have disaster plans and supplies and to know protective actions in order to alleviate the demand on our local government resources and to increase survivability and expedite recovery during and after emergencies and disasters.

Now is the time to promote that family and individual emergency preparedness. National Preparedness Month is upon us once again. This year's theme is "Don't Wait. Communicate. – Make Your Emergency Plan Today." During the month of September, try to incorporate a little bit more outreach and education through presentations, fairs, and social media. Promote family disaster plans, communications and protective action drills. If possible, host a preparedness activity or event. Toolkits are available at www.ready.gov/september. As always, Be Ready Utah is here to help you with those outreach goals. Great materials are located at www.bereadyutah.gov. The information box below contains the suggested weekly focuses for National Preparedness Month.



Week 1: September 1-5 th	Flood
Week 2: September 6-12 th	Wildfire
Week 3: September 13-19 th	Hurricane
Week 4: September 20-26 th	Power Outage
Week 5: September 27-30 th	Lead up to National PrepareAthon! Day (September 30 th)

To help increase awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness, FEMA continues to grow its America's PrepareAthon! program each April and September. The program is meant to increase citizen participation in a preparedness activity, drill or other event during National Preparedness Month. Emergency Managers and others including Citizen Corps coordinators are encouraged to plan an activity and register that activity on the America's PrepareAthon! website: www.community.fema.gov.



In an effort to help Utah citizens become better prepared and more emergency minded, the Utah Division of Emergency Management is joining with other partners to conduct the 5th Annual Utah Prepare Conference and



Expo on **September 12th** at the South Towne Expo Center. The Prepare Expo is registered as the State of Utah's fall America's PrepareAthon! event. More information is available at www.utahprepare.org.



At no cost to you or your community, Be Ready Business fosters economic resilience to disasters via preparation of Utah's private sector. We seek to coordinate with local emergency management and other community partners to connect with local businesses and support the development of disaster continuity and a stable economy. Here are few helpful links:



[What is the cost if businesses are not prepared for a disaster?](#)

[What is Business Continuity Planning \(BCP\)?](#)

[Where can I find BCP tools?](#)

[How do I identify and prepare for threats to my business?](#)



In addition, [Be Ready Business](#) hosts seminars and workshops which bring together experts and provide mentorship to building business continuity and resiliency in your critical operations.

Private Sector Preparedness Council Seminars (PSPCs) Business Continuity Planning Topics

- Ogden area : 3rd Tuesday of even months

Topics have included: Crisis Communication, Cyber Security and Transportation.

- Salt Lake City area: 3rd Friday of odd months

Topics have included: Renewable Resiliency, Financial and employee preparedness, Crisis Communication, Cyber Security and Transportation.

- Provo/ Orem area : 3rd Friday of even months

Topics have included: Transportation, Crisis Communication, and Cyber Security.

- St George area: 3rd Thursday of even months

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We seek to support the development of PSPCs statewide and seek to explore topics of local need as well as those included in the [12 points of Business Continuity Planning](#)

Business Continuity Planning Workshops

On site visits to discuss [12 points of Business Continuity Planning](#).

If interested, please submit a request at lsisam@utah.gov

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Multiagency Coordination (MAC) Training at EMI

By Kimberly Giles, DEM - Northern Region Liaison

Emergency Management and Public Officials from Davis County attended the Emergency Management Institute (EMI) located in Emmitsburg, Maryland this summer to participate in a Community Specific Integrated Emergency Management Course (IEMC). Community-specific IEMC's are written by an EMI exercise specialist to reflect the hazards or events facing the jurisdiction, the type of EOC used by the jurisdiction, and the organizations included in the jurisdiction's emergency plans. One of the primary goals for this trip was to help these cities and the county to develop a countywide Multiagency Coordination (MAC) system for EOC operations. The group agreed that the Community Specific IEMC course provided a great opportunity to learn and exercise together in a non-threatening atmosphere. These courses also help to build plans and teamwork around true to life scenarios for your jurisdiction.



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Utah's Emergency Managers - Chris Crowley, Summit County



Chris is a senior executive with over 25 years leadership experience in global event planning, government operations, non-profit and private sectors, management consulting and project management.

Born and raised in San Francisco, Chris has worked in numerous capacities from mega-event planning, conventions, entertainment & tourism to government and construction management. Chris has assumed a leadership position with three Olympic Games and has operated a successful consulting company since 2003 delivering professional services around the world.

Chris' introduction to emergency management came during the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake in San Francisco. Working at the Moscone Convention Center, the facility was converted to a mass care facility for thousands of earthquake survivors. Since then, Chris has worked with numerous public facilities, agencies and special events to develop emergency response plans, grants and training programs.

Despite his years working on world-cup and local ski races, Chris' two young children are soon to exceed his skill on the slopes. Chris also considers himself an avid mountain biker and hockey player though his love of the sports often exceed his abilities.

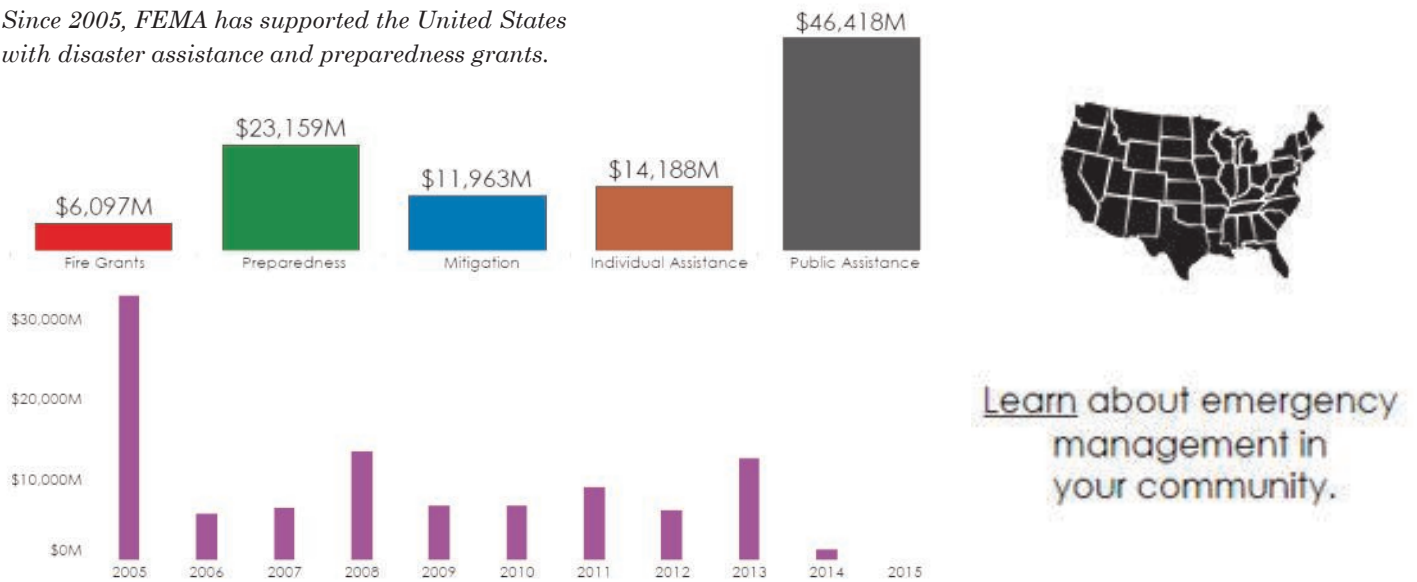


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Data Visualization A Look Into Utah Disasters

FEMA has created an interactive visualization tool for the nation, as well as each state to review disaster information, including disaster assistance and grants. You can also access county information to review disaster declarations and incident type. In addition to finding local data, it is a great tool to find links to more information for fire, mitigation, and preparedness grants as well as questions regarding public assistance and preparedness. You can access the data visualization tool at <http://www.fema.gov/data-visualization>.

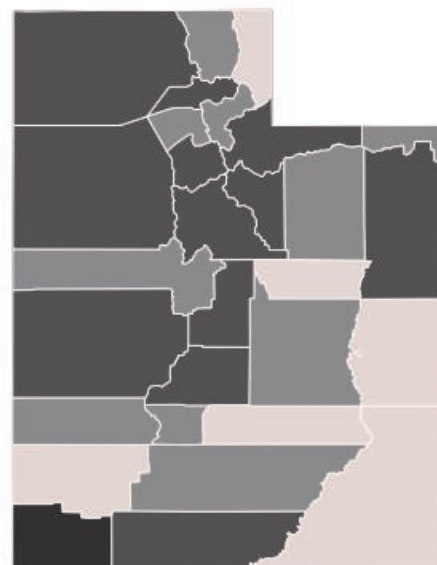
Since 2005, FEMA has supported the United States with disaster assistance and preparedness grants.



Then, learn about the 30 disasters that have occurred in Utah since 1953.

Click on an incident or county to filter the visualization. Click again to reset.

- 17 Fire
- 8 Flood
- 1 Drought
- 1 Tornado
- 1 Coastal Storm
- 1 Other
- 1 Severe Storm



Number of Declarations

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UTAH PREPARE CONFERENCE & EXPO



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2015
8 AM - 7 PM

The 5th Annual Utah Prepare Conference and Expo and National Preparedness Month are right around the corner. We know your jobs keep you busy and we appreciate your efforts as emergency managers to promote preparedness and help your citizens know what to do to survive and recover from disasters.

Once again, the Utah Division of Emergency Management's Be Ready Utah program is partnering with USU Extension Service, BYU, the American Red Cross, and new this year, Salt Lake County Emergency Services to bring the Utah Prepare Expo to the public. The Prepare Expo keeps growing each year and we expect it to be even bigger and better this year. Corporate sponsors include The Larry H. Miller Group, Water Pure

Technologies, Honeyville Farms and Emergency Essentials. We are still accepting vendor requests.

KSL's Lori Prichard will be the keynote speaker. She will talk about her experience living through the deadly Joplin tornado. We also have planned many great emergency preparedness classes with topics including Emergency Sanitation, Transportation Issues, Public Warning Methods and more.

Ticket prices are \$5.00 per person with discounts for seniors and military. People can register online at utahprepare.org or at the door.

This Show's a Disaster!

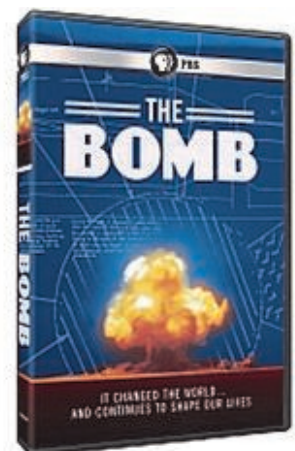
"The Bomb" PBS (2014)

By Don Cobb

Rating: 5 MREs



"The Bomb," currently airing on PBS, may well be the best of a long line of documentaries produced in the past 70 years since the attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Viewing this excellent production, emergency managers will likely be surprised by the many historical elements (pardon the pun) of the nuclear culture that have directly shaped emergency management since its inception, and our world in general. Look for this extraordinary show on your local PBS TV station, the PBS website, Amazon, or other favorite source. Highly recommended!





To take a course offered by the Division of Emergency Management, you must create an account on our training data system, U-TRAIN at www.utah.train.org. U-TRAIN will provide you with transcripts of courses you have completed, and you will be able to print your certificates upon course completion.

For our current calendar of training courses offered, please visit: <http://publicsafety.utah.gov/emergencymanagement/trainingnew.html>. Here you will also find information regarding FEMA EMI training in Emmitsburg, MD, Professional Development Series (PDS), and Advanced Professional Series (APS).

For more training information, or for specific questions, please contact Ted Woolley at tedwoolley@utah.gov

What's in your FUTURE?

Register your Public Information Officer for this conference.



Save the Date

Annual PIO Conference
September 29-30, 2015

Courtyard Marriott, St. George

Featuring PIO speakers from the nation's hottest news stories of the year who share their lessons learned and best practices for working with the media during a crisis.

Treat your PIO like gold, it will come back to you ten-fold.

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CITY AND COUNTY
DIRECTORS CONFERENCE
OCTOBER 7, 2015

Snow College, Richfield
More Info to Follow

SAVE THE DATE

Utah Floodplain and Stormwater Management
Association Annual Conference

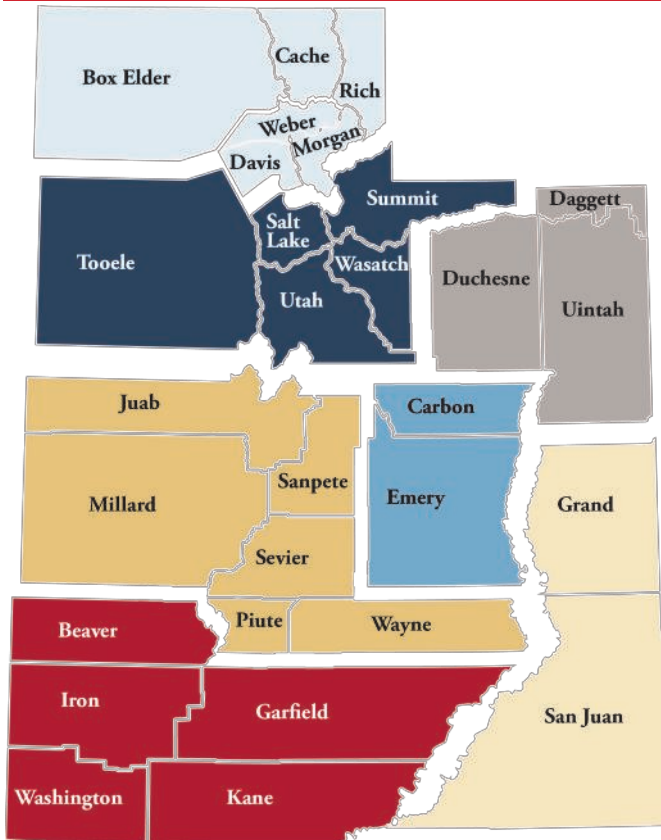
September 30 – October 2, 2015
The Riverwoods Conference Center, Logan, Utah



For more conference information or to register
please visit <http://www.utahfema.org>

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Important links to remember

Division of Emergency Management:
<http://dem.utah.gov>

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

State Citizen Corps Council:
<http://citizencorps.utah.gov>

WebEOC:
<https://veocutah.webeocasp.com>

Emergency Public Info:
<http://www.emergencyinfoutah.com>

UEMA:
www.umaonline.com



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<http://uthazardmitigation.wordpress.com/>



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