



Southern Utah Counties to Receive Disaster Funding Through FEMA

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On February 11, 2011, President Barack Obama declared a major disaster for the State of Utah. The counties included in the declaration are Washington and Kane. Additional counties may be added to the declaration pending results of preliminary damage assessments. This includes all local governments, special service districts, and certain private non-profits within these counties. The Forward Field Office opened in St. George on February 16 with Applicant Briefings held in Washington and Kane Counties February 18.

As of February 24, 2011, FEMA received 20 Requests for Public Assistance (RPAs), with 17 of them to date, having been approved to date by FEMA. The remaining requests are eligible and the State is awaiting documentation from the applicants. Currently we are looking at an estimated 130 project worksheets. Total public assistance damages for the two counties based on the Public Assistance Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) estimate is \$5,777,975, for a statewide per capita impact of \$2.59. State and FEMA teams will begin their site inspections and compilations of project worksheets starting the week of February 28, 2011.

Some of the biggest concerns include sections of the St. George City trail system, which were destroyed by flooding and erosion of river banks. This becomes difficult as the State and FEMA will work

with St. George City in restoring the trails without having an adverse environmental impact on endangered and sensitive wildlife in the Virgin and Santa Clara river systems. Gunlock Special Service District had about 500 ft. of their culinary water lines compromised from erosion of the river banks. Currently the small town of Gunlock has been depending on their wells for culinary water needs. They have not yet been able to restore the lines making this a vital project before water levels get to dangerously low levels. Garkane Power provides utilities for Kane and Garfield counties and had numerous power poles damaged from the winter storms. Garkane is the only utility that provides power for the two counties and so restoration to 100% working capacity is vital to the residents and government entities in the areas.



Washington County Emergency Manager Peter Kublmann with the State of Utah's Hazard Mitigation Officer, Brad Bartholomew, and FEMA representatives surveying damage and repairs to a bridge north of Gunlock

This is only the eighth major disaster declaration approved by the President of the United States for the State of Utah. The first occurred in 1983 as a result of severe storms, flooding and landslides. The last declaration was approved in 2005 as a result of flooding in Southern Utah.

Legislative Update— HB 80 and HB 254

With the 2011 Legislative session in full swing, there are some important bills being discussed regarding Utah's emergency management operations. The Division, along with the support of many local Emergency managers has been heavily involved in the process and would like to share the main points of each bill.

HB 254 Emergency Management Amendments -(sponsor Representative Greenwood)

This legislation will clear up misunderstandings and potential conflicts during times of emergencies and disasters. The legislation clearly and simply outlines the specific emergency declaration process within the state and provides the legal basis to request mutual aid from other cities, counties, states and the federal government. It does not take away the right of a city or county to use resources that will benefit them in their time of need. This legislation still allows the Governor to declare a state of emergency, even if a city or county does not. With successful passage, this legislation will allow for the accountability of resources and hopefully prevent emergency management from the unnecessary spending of funds.

HB 80 Emergency Management - (sponsor Representative Oda)

The main provision of HB 80 is the name change from Division of Homeland Security to the Division of Emergency Management (see reasoning below). It further specifies the responsibilities of the Division, such as coordinating the use of personnel and resources during a disaster with state and local government agencies; requesting or assisting in the allocation of state and local resources during a disaster or local state of emergency; receiving and disbursing federal disaster funds and resources provided to the state in a declared disaster; and appointing a State Coordinating Officer (SCO) to work as the Governor's representative while interacting with the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO).

HB 80 also authorizes the Division to create geographical regions throughout the state to create a level of efficiency when it comes to addressing the following functions of emergency management: A. Coordinating planning amongst political sub-divisions, tribal governments and state agencies, B. Coordinating grant management efforts and resource procurement, and C. Organizing joint emergency response training and exercise activities.

*Note: HB 80 clarifies that these geographical regions will not be established as new governmental entity

HB 80 also cleans up the Statewide Mutual Aid Act to authorize the Division to receive and maintain an inventory of state and local services, equipment, supplies, personnel and other resources, as well as providing the Division of Homeland Security with rulemaking authority.

Division Name Change Benefits to the Department of Public Safety (DPS)

- There are no changes in services provided by the Division and no impact on grant funding that the state receives.
- Most of the local counterparts that the Division primarily serves are identified with emergency management in their titles. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the primary federal agency that our Division interacts with. The name Division of Homeland Security for our Emergency Management Division creates confusion within DPS and for the public seeking specific information and services from us. It also creates the same issues for outside agencies when they are contacting DPS with various needs.
- There are 44 States that use Emergency Management to identify their agency responsible for the same functions as our Division. Of the other states, several use Emergency Services and one uses Civil Defense.
- Emergency Management better identifies the agency with its mission and eliminates confusion that comes with the name Homeland Security, which is often tied to law enforcement, immigration issues, TSA, etc.

*Note: At the time this newsletter was released, both HB 80 and HB 254 were signed by the Senate and awaiting signature from the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

GRANTS

2011 EMPG & Homeland Security Grant

The Utah Division of Homeland Security is still awaiting guidance for the 2011 EMPG and Homeland Security Grant program from FEMA. Once the information is available, the Homeland Security Grant guidance and application will be disbursed to the Regional Chairs for their respective counties. The guidance and application for the EMPG will be posted at:

<http://publicsafety.utah.gov/homelandsecurity/grants.html>

You will also find the quarterly progress reports, budget detail sheets, articles of agreement, and expense claim forms for the EMPG at the above site.

NHPA Grant Requirements– Bulletin 351

New guidance on the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), Section 106, reviews requirements for Grant Programs Directorate (GPD) grant funded projects involving communication facilities.

GPD funds a variety of projects related to communication facilities including the construction, replacement, or repair of towers as well as the installation or repair of associated equipment such as antennas or repeaters.

Authorized Equipment List (AEL) updated– Bulletin 353

FEMA has updated the Authorized Equipment List (AEL) to include specific equipment eligible under the Citizen Corps Program grant. If the equipment is not listed in the AEL, an equipment waiver will be required. Please reference the attached Information Bulletin for details and access to the Authorized Equipment List through the Responder Knowledge Base (RKB) web- site at:

<https://www.rkb.us/FEMAGrants/DisplayFEMAGrants.cfm>.

For more information on the FEMA Bulletins, please visit:

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/bulletins/index.shtm#0>

Be Ready Utah—Be Ready Utah Coming to a Community Near You

At the recent City and County Directors Conference (CCDC) in October, Be Ready Utah presented a plan to help counties in their efforts to promote emergency preparedness. Many counties signed up for a Be Ready Utah kit that will include everything necessary for a county and/or city to set up a Be Ready Utah preparedness booth as well as materials to go along with it. Over the next couple of months, Be Ready Utah will be contacting county emergency managers requesting to visit with them and provide them with their kits. We're confident that we can better achieve our vision of a "self-sustaining culture of emergency preparedness for all individuals and communities in Utah" through closer collaboration with our emergency management community and the Be Ready Utah campaign.

If you are a county emergency manager and did not get the opportunity to sign up for the kit at the CCDC, please contact Ryan Longman at rlongman@utah.gov



Citizen Corps and CERT update



This is a reminder for all Local Citizen Corps Councils and CERT Programs wanting to re-register or register for the first time with the National Citizen Corps and National CERT Program websites. Every Citizen Corps Council and CERT Program is required to register if they wish to have a listing in the Citizen Corps and CERT directory on the National Citizen Corps and CERT Program websites. Please note that only Citizen Corps Councils and CERT Programs may register. The registry is not for individual CERT Teams that are organized within a CERT Program. More information and guidance documents for registration are available on the Councils and CERT Program registration support pages located at <http://www.citizencorps.gov/councils/registry.shtm> and <http://www.citizencorps.gov/cert/registry.shtm>.

The State of Utah Citizen Corps Program uses the National Registry as our database to distribute grant funds to local Citizen Corps Councils and CERT Teams. Programs need to be registered prior to March 31, 2011 for this year's grant funding process. For additional information, please contact the State Citizen Corps Program Manager, Jeff Johnson at 801.538.3644 or jeffjohnson@utah.gov

Training and Exercise

Utah AH-IMT— Judy Watanabe

Utah conducted the first All Hazards Incident Management Team (AH-IMT) Unit Leader Academy training last week. Not only was this the first time in the state these classes were offered at the same time, it was the first of its kind in the entire nation, even the universe! This is a new training experience and we hope to offer more of these trainings in the future. Even if you don't have an IMT in your area, these classes are great to get some training for your function. The classes that were offered included: Situation Unit Leader, Facilities Unit Leader, Supply Unit Leader, Resource Unit Leader, Communications Unit Leader and Finance/Administration Unit Leader. All courses ran concurrently and culminated with a Capstone Exercise involving all of the students. There were 72 students, 12 instructors and 4 staff and the classes were held at the Public Safety Education and Training Center at SLCC Larry H. Miller Campus.

In August, we will be conducting more position-specific training at the AH-IMT Incident Commander, Command Staff, and General Staff level. We are excited about this new training and hope to see you soon at one of our classes.

Utah Shakeout Update— Judy Watanabe

The Great Utah ShakeOut... Still Great!

The Great Utah ShakeOut Full-Scale Exercise scheduled for April 16-19, 2012, has been scaled down to a Functional Exercise on the same date. The reason it had to be scaled down is because of funding and time constraints. Full-scale exercises are expensive to conduct and with the current economic situation, from the federal level to the local level, money to fund activities for a catastrophic earthquake exercise, just isn't available.

A functional exercise will allow us to still test important operational functions while still keeping our budgets in check. The big issues at the state have to do with our ability to communicate with all of the county EOC's, State Emergency Response team members, and Non Governmental agencies as well as to be able to request resources, and disseminate information. Regardless of the type of exercise we conduct, we need to continue to meet and work out our issues and unify our operations. Your support is truly appreciated in our meetings. We have made great friends during this past year and look forward to working with you more.

Here is our current schedule: Also, remember to check our website for more information at <http://site.utah.gov/dps/homelandsecurity/ShakeOut2012.htm>

Trainings— Conferences— Exercises

Training			Location	Course ID
March				
1-2	L-956	Tribal AH-IMT Liaison Officer (LOFR)	Bismarck, ND	
1-3		Survival Spanish for Law Enforcement	Cedar City	
7-10	L-340	Radiological Emergency Planning Course	Green River	1023313
14-15	G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Castle Dale	1011051
15-16	G-575	Communications Interoperability	Capitol Campus	1020173
22-23	G-290*	Basic Public Information Officer	Capitol Campus	1011053
24	G-291	JIS/JIC Planning Course	Capitol Campus	1020466
April				
5-6	G-775+	EOC Management and Operations	Capitol Campus	1011065
18-19	G-400	ICS-400: Advanced Incident Command System	Price	1011057
25-29	AH-IMT	Academy (IC, General Staff, and Command Staff)	Grand Junction, CO	
26-27	G-197*	Emergency Planning & Functional Needs Populations	Capitol Campus	1011058
27-28	G-300	ICS-300: Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents	Salt Lake City	1011051
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
24	G-191+	ICS/EOC Interface	Capitol Campus	1011067

Conferences

April 21	CCDC City and County Directors Conference	Red Lion	1021336
May 3-5	Governor's Public Safety Summit	Davis Convention Center	

Exercises

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March 8	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	- Bob Carey
April 12	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	- Bob Carey
May 10	SERT - Utah Shake Out TTX series	Salt Lake City	- Bob Carey

**If you have questions regarding the SERT exercises, please contact Bob Carey at bcarey@utah.gov*

If you have any upcoming training or exercises to list on our website, please contact Ted Woolley at: tedwoolley@utah.gov

For more training and exercise information, please visit our website at:
<http://publicsafety.utah.gov/homelandsecurity/training.html>

To register for any of the above courses, log in to U-TRAIN at <https://www.utah.train.org/DesktopShell.aspx>

SAVE THE DATE

Bringing the Pieces Together

This summit is designed to bring emergency responders together.

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The target audience will be Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, Hazardous Material, Transportation, Homeland Security, Public Works, Natural Resources, Military, Health, Agriculture, Elected Officials, Environmental Quality, and Emergency Management

More information and registration forms will be available online at:

publicsafety.utah.gov

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DATE: May 3 - 5, 2011
LOCATION: Davis Convention Center

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

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

Incident Manager Powered by WebEOC:
<https://veoc.utah.gov>

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

UEMA:
www.uemaonline.com

For questions or concerns in your area, please contact your regional Community Support Liaison. For contact information, go to:
<http://publicsafety.utah.gov/homelandsecurity/Liaisons.html>

Division of Homeland Security

Mission

To unite the emergency management community and to coordinate the efforts necessary to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies, disasters, and catastrophic events.

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