Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, and other disasters, have been responsible for the destruction of irreplaceable historical documents and other cultural resources.

Some records have never been found and some museums and historical collections struggle to rebound.

On Nov. 2, a new forum will be held to discuss preparedness for our historical and cultural resources. Administrators and curators are interested in meeting with emergency managers to learn from the experts on how to better prepare and reduce their losses in a disaster.

The Alliance for Response Forum will represent a group of people representing local and state emergency managers, along with museums, libraries, archives, and historical societies to build an emergency operations plan for cultural resources.

We encourage you to get involved to help integrate these ideas into the emergency management structure.

The Forum will be held at the State Office Building just north of the State Capitol in Salt Lake City. Topics include:

- Statewide pre-approval of disaster recovery firms.
- Relocation of fragile collections to more suitable storage.
- Incorporating collection recovery into the city, county and state emergency operations centers.
- Incorporate cultural and historic resources into city, county and state emergency response plans.
- Build a cultural heritage and response network in Salt Lake City and around the state.

To register for the Alliance for Response Forum, or for more information, please visit: http://archives.utah.gov/recordsmanagement/conference.html or contact Randy Silverman, Preservation Librarian, University of Utah Marriott Library, at randy.silverman@utah.edu or at 801-585-6782.

In the mean time, check out dPlan, an online tool that lets cultural institutions begin developing their emergency plans.
On-Site Containers To Be Recycled
DCD and URS work together to reduce waste

After 15 years of safely transporting munitions to the Tooele Chemical Agent Disposal Facility (TOCDF) for destruction, the facility’s on-site containers (ONCs) will soon meet their own fate as they are prepared to be recycled as scrap metal.

“It would be expensive to landfill the ONCs,” said Matt Tomac, Deseret Chemical Depot (DCD) environmental protection specialist and recycling program manager. “It would cost approximately $14,400—and that is a low estimate—for each ONC to be buried in the ground.”

Although five ONCs will stay on site to transport the remaining 300-plus overpacked mustard agent-filled 4.2-inch mortars and 155mm projectiles to the TOCDF for disposal, 40 ONCs will be recycled.

Because the ONCs are considered as secondary containment, the facility’s operating permit requires that they be triple rinsed to ensure they are clean before they leave the TOCDF. Workers first removed the interior munitions tray, which was tented for 24 hours at 70 degrees, then monitored to confirm there was no chemical agent contamination. The ONCs were then prepared for the rinse process.

“A large sheet of plastic was placed on the floor and the ONC was tilted so the water would run out,” explained Jeff Laighton, TOCDF’s operations munition coordinator. “There wasn’t a lot of water needed. It’s not like a car wash; we were pretty particular about how we sprayed it down and how much water was used.”

For each ONC, the initial rinse was performed with clean catch pans to capture and sample the resulting rinse water for analysis. Laboratory workers analyzed each sample, monitoring for all three agents that have been processed through the TOCDF—GB, VX and mustard. The lab results verified that the initial rinse water’s contamination levels were below permitted levels.

Workers then completed a second and third rinse for each ONC to complete the triple rinse process.

Although each ONC weighs almost two tons with walls nearly a foot thick, they are not solid steel. Rather, they have six layers of steel—the first three are separated by ceramic heat tile and three additional layers are divided by polyurethane foam as insulation.

There is also stainless steel within these six layers.

“We estimate about $6,500 in return from recycling each ONC,” said Tomac, “and diverting over 700,000 pounds of waste from a landfill.”

The ONCs have been transported from the TOCDF property to a gravel-covered lot within DCD’s boundaries. They will remain there until a recycling contract is in place, which is expected to happen by the end of this month.

After the disposal operations are complete, the five remaining ONCs will also be recycled.

For more information regarding the article, please contact the Tooele Chemical Stockpile Outreach Office at 435-882-3773.
Redesigned Website Provides Utahns Resources to Be Ready

Looking for information on how to put together a 72-hour kit, make an emergency plan or how to prepare for specific disasters?

Look no further than www.bereadyutah.gov, where you’ll find downloads, videos, stories and resources all centered around emergency preparedness in Utah! Check out our new re-designed website today on your computer or your smartphone. Also, follow us on Twitter: @bereadyutah or Facebook for daily preparedness tips!

Utah ShakeOut 2012 Exercise - Planning

Some exciting resources have come out of our planning efforts for this exercise. We have a new website to get people involved in the exercise. Here is the link http://www.shakeout.org/utah/. There are resources to help with your planning to play along with the exercise, including a place to register your family and get talking tips to discuss with your kids about earthquake preparedness. The site also has a “Quake Quiz” to test preparedness efforts in your home. So far we have over 350,000 people registered to participate, either with preparedness or “drop, cover, and hold on.” We hope you will all register to participate as well.

We also have a video that is a great educational tool that you can use in your presentations. You can download it from the website under the “resources” link or watch it on YouTube. These resources have been made available thanks to our PIO, Joe Dougherty, and our Be Ready Utah program manager, Ryan Longman. They have done an amazing job in getting these resources out to the public in a timely manner.

Currently we are working on objectives, scope and level of play for the exercise. We have also developed four working groups to help build the exercise: Scenario, Control and Evaluation, External Affairs, and Training. If you would like to participate in these working groups let Judy know by sending an email to judywatanabe@utah.gov.

Also, mark your calendar for our ShakeOut Full-Scale Exercise that will be held April 17-19, 2012. Nine counties, six states, private sector and federal partners and non-governmental offices will all play in this exercise.

Our first test of the Catastrophic Plan will be Dec. 7 during a table top exercise. This exercise will involve our state and county participants, private sector and NGOs. More information to come as we work on our plan and exercise series. If you have any questions, email Judy Watanabe at judywatanabe@utah.gov.
National Incident Management System - Training Program Update

The National Integration Center (NIC) has developed a National Incident Management System (NIMS) Training Program, superseding the Five-Year NIMS Training Plan, released in February 2008.

The NIMS Training Program establishes a common national foundation for NIMS training and qualifying emergency management and incident response personnel. More specifically, the NIMS Training Program guides NIMS training activities; supports stakeholder training and planning; and serves as a single-source, regularly updated compilation of training within the NIMS national core curriculum. For more information on the NIMS Training Program, please visit FEMA’s Resource Center at: www.fema.gov/emergency/nims. Or you can download the document directly from: www.fema.gov/emergency/nims/nimstrainingcourses.shtm

If you have any questions or concerns regarding NIMS, NIM-SCAST, or NIMS Implementation, you can contact the National Integration Center at 202.646.3850 or via email at: FEMA-NIMS@dhs.gov. You can also contact Ted Woolley with the Division of Emergency Management at: tedwoolley@utah.gov.

National Exercise Schedule (NEXS) - update

As part of the EMPG reporting requirements, all grant participants are required to post their exercises, after-action reports and improvement plans (AAR/IP’s) on the NEXS. We understand that many in the state are unfamiliar with NEXS, and are willing to assist anyone who may need training or information.

The Emergency Management Institute (EMI) does not have a current curriculum to conduct an HSEEP Toolkit course in the state, as we have done in the past. However, we are looking to host a couple informal training classes, including one in the north and one in the south to accommodate everyone. We are looking to conduct these trainings during the months of November and December.

If you have questions regarding NEXS, or you are interested in attending one of these trainings, please contact your regional Liaison, or the Exercise Officers, Marc DiFrancesco at mdifrancesco@utah.gov or Kris Repp at krepp@utah.gov.

The Division of Emergency Management’s Exercise and Training Section, Be Ready Utah, and the Business Owners and Managers Association of Utah (BOMA) have teamed up to create a pilot program to get businesses prepared for a disaster. Ten local businesses will be participating in the inaugural session.

During the August BOMA meeting, Kevin Holman, an exercise trainer for DEM, presented the pilot program to approximately 125 local business owners and managers. He requested the participation of 10 businesses to begin the pilot program, helping them prepare for disasters like the anticipated Wasatch Front earthquake.

The “Business Emergency Management Pilot Program” will provide concepts and training in continuity of operations planning, business emergency plans, exercises, and employee planning and preparation. The pilot is the first of its type in the nation, consisting of a two-day instructional course, followed by 12, one-day mentoring sessions that are held over the course of a year.

The pilot will be rolled out in the next 45 days and will focus on building a repeatable course designed to provide businesses with emergency management concepts including plans, and exercises that are tailored to their specific needs. The intent of the course is to get businesses to understand that their survival after a disaster depends on a well-prepared workforce, beginning with the necessary plans and procedures for their businesses.

If you have questions regarding this pilot program, please contact Kevin Holman at kholman@utah.gov.

Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)

The Division of Emergency Management’s Training and Exercise section is looking forward to this year’s Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW), being held in November (date and location to be determined). Typically an Improvement Planning Workshop (IPW) precedes the TEPW; however, we will be asking jurisdictions to carefully review the "read-ahead" material and come with the information from past exercises to identify needs for training and exercise activities for the next year.

What is a Training and Exercise Planning Workshop (TEPW)?

The TEPW is part of a process that begins with the Improvement Planning Workshop (IPW). The IPW provides an opportunity to determine the primary areas for improvement and target capabilities on which the jurisdiction/agency should focus their exercise programs. These areas for improvement and target capabilities constitute the foundation for ongoing development and evolution of the Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan, which is revised annually at the TEPW. At the TEPW, stakeholders identify training and exercises that will assist the jurisdiction/agency in closing gaps and addressing the priorities identified at the IPW as well as identifying target capabilities to focus on for each fiscal year. Since we will not be having an IPW this year, as stated before, we will send materials to review prior to the TEPW.

Participant Preparation for the TEPW

All participants should be familiar with the prerequisite TEPW reading and should bring their individual jurisdiction/agency training and exercise schedules. Prior to the TEPW, participants should familiarize themselves with the following:

- TEPW read-ahead material
- The priority target capabilities and areas for improvement identified through previous exercises.
- Your jurisdiction/agency’s Multi-Year Training and Exercise Plan. Identify and prepare to discuss exercises that can be nominated for the exercise calendar and training opportunities that align to the areas for improvement identified during the IPW.
- Volumes I-IV of the HSEEP (can be found at www.hseep.dhs.gov)
All Hazards Incident Management Team Academy

Utah’s All-Hazards Command and General Staff Incident Management Team Academy

From August 8 – 12, 2011, Utah hosted an AH-IMT Command and General Staff Academy in Sandy. Nine position specific classes were offered, including Incident Commander, Safety Officer, Liaison Officer, Public Information Officer, Operations Section Chief, Planning Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, Finance/Administration Section Chief, and Division/Group Supervisor. The different classes had a staggered start and all of them ended on Friday with a capstone exercise.

The courses were taught by 18 of the top instructors from throughout the country, teamed up with some of Utah’s top IMT instructors.

We had a great turnout of students statewide, as well as from across the country. A total of 70 students attend the nine classes. The attending students were from the following states: 53 Utah, 9 Virginia, 2 Colorado, 2 North Dakota, 1 Montana, 1 Nevada, 1 New Mexico, and 1 Minnesota.

If you have questions or are interested in future AH-IMT courses and program, please contact Ted Woolley at: tedwoolley@utah.gov.

Statewide Awards and Recognition - 2011

We would like to congratulate those who have worked hard to complete their Advanced Professional Series (APS) training, as well as those who have received recognition throughout the year!

Congratulations to the following for completing the APS during 2011

Jackie Nicholl     Jason Bradley
Rae Brooks        Chris Siavrakas
Rey Thompson      Scott Alvord
Judy Crockett     Karen Smith
John Leonard      Kim Hammer
Martin Wilson     Charlie Dressen
Jose R. Rodriguez Jason Llewelyn

Congratulations to the following for their service to CSEPP over the years

— AnnaRae Garrett received the Distinguished Partners in Preparedness Award, from Region VIII
— Nadine Taylor received the Program Manager’s Award for Superior Service, from the CSEPP National Workshop

For future publications, we are in need of the local jurisdictions help. Please keep us informed on anyone in the emergency management field that may receive recognition or awards in emergency management, completes their Master Exercise Practitioner (MEP) training, and Advanced Professional Series (APS).
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If you have questions regarding the above exercises or meetings, please contact the event coordinator:

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Register using the course ID on U-TRAIN at: https://www.utah.train.org For more training information, please visit our website at: http://emergencymanagement.utah.gov or contact Ted Woolley at tedwoolley@utah.gov
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http://emergencymanagement.utah.gov

Be Ready Utah:
http://bereadyutah.gov

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

Utah Emergency Info:
http://www.utahemergencyminfo.com

UEMA:
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