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June is Workplace Safety Month. Encourage your employees to observe all hazard placards and follow safety protocols and procedures.

ny successes in a soccer program don't come about because of what happens during games. It starts way before the first goal of the game. It starts before the first whistle, before players step onto the field in their uniforms.

It's before warm ups and before practice. It starts when they become a team.

For the past 11 years, I've served as the head coach for a high school boys' soccer program. We

Utah has emergency managers with lots of experience and some with little experience.

Our emergency managers who have lived through disasters have lessons to share and can keep us from reinventing the wheel, while our newer EMs bring a thirst for knowledge, excitement for the profession, energy to do some great things for their communities and bring new tools to the table.

Our successes will come to light when we use

our emergency management skills effectively, but the successes are born from what we do before disaster hits.

What partnerships need to be created? Who can share planning resources? Who can offer training? Are you bettering yourself and your pro-

have good years and bad. This season was ranks among one of the good ones, though it wasn't our best. We were second in our region and made it to the playoffs. Our team includes players with lots of



experience and some with little experience.

This season allowed the experienced players to lead and teach. The newer players got a taste of serious competition and learned how they can do better next year. They also learned what it means to have a heartbreaking loss, such as a double-overtime loss in playoffs. That way, they're committed to avoiding that losing feeling for the next season.

In Utah, we have good years and bad years for emergencies, and we don't always know when those are going to be. Like my soccer team, gram? Do you know the emergency managers in your community or in your county? What about those in neighboring counties? Can you support another jurisdiction in their exercises?

There's a lot we can do for ourselves and for our state.

Fortunately, we have a great team.

Thank you for your service,

Kris J. Hamlet

Director Utah Division of Emergency Management

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Preparedness Tip: Add \$10 cash to your disaster supply kits. It's recommended to have at least \$100 in your kit.



EM 101

Keeping Up on Emergency Management - New and Old: FEMA NIMS Core Curricula

By Ted Woolley, DEM State Training Officer

Baseline

The following courses are designed to provide a baseline as they introduce basic National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) concepts and provide the foundation for higher-level Emergency Operations Center (EOC), Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS), and ICS related training:

- IS-700 NIMS, an Introduction: This course introduces the NIMS concept. NIMS provides a consistent nation-wide template to enable all government, private sector, and non-governmental organizations to work together during domestic incidents. (Prerequisite for ICS-300.)
- ICS-100 Introduction to the Incident Command System: This course introduces ICS and provides the foundation for higher level ICS training. It describes the history, features and principles, and organizational structure of the system. It also explains the relationship between ICS and NIMS. (Prerequisite for ICS-300.)

Additional Training

The following courses are designed to provide an overview of key NIMS principles relating MACS, resource management, mutual aid, and communication and information management. FEMA recommends completion of the two baseline courses identified above, prior to taking the following awareness and additional training relating to MACS, EOC, and ICS.

- IS-701 NIMS MACS: This course introduces Multi-Agency Coordination System and provides examples of how these systems can be used to improve incident response.
- IS-702 NIMS Public Information: The public information systems described in NIMS are designed to effectively manage public information at an incident, regardless of the size and complexity of the situation or the number of entities involved in the response.
- IS-703 NIMS Resource Management: This course provides training to help resource managers prepare before an incident and contribute effectively to incident response.
- IS-706 NIMS Intrastate Mutual Aid, an Introduction: This independent study course provides an introduction to NIMS intrastate mutual aid and assistance. Participants will learn about the purpose and benefits of mutual aid and assistance, as well as the emphasis that NIMS places on mutual aid and assistance.
- IS-800 National Response Framework (NRF), an Introduction: The course introduces participants to the concepts and principles of the NRF. (Prerequisite for ICS-300.)
- ICS-200 ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents: This course is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the ICS. ICS-200 provides training and resources for personnel who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the ICS. (Prerequisite for ICS-300.)
- ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents: ICS-300 provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced knowledge and application of the ICS. This course expands upon information covered in the ICS-100 and ICS-200 courses. (Prerequisite for ICS-400.)
- ICS-400 Advanced ICS: This course provides training and resources for personnel who require advanced application of ICS. This course expands upon information covered in ICS-100 through ICS-300.

"IS" courses can be completed on the Independent Study website at: <u>http://training.fema.gov/IS/</u> ICS-300 and ICS-400 are classroom-only courses. To see when the next class will be offered and how to register through U-TRAIN, go to: <u>http://dem.utah.gov</u> and click on "Training".

Eyes on the Sky: Weather Stations in Burn Scar Areas

By Brad Bartholomew, State of Utah Hazard Mitigation Officer

After an above average fire season in 2012, the National Weather Service (NWS) approached the Utah Division of Emergency Management (DEM) concerning the ability to adequately warn residents of post-fire hazards like fastmoving, highly destructive debris flows. Several fires in recent years have burned steep mountain slopes above communities. The weather radar in Utah is located in Salt Lake City and is less accurate as it stretches across the state. Real-time data is needed to provide residents of communities at risk of post-fire debris flows.

Post-fire debris flows are particularly hazardous because they can occur with little warning. NWS and DEM discussed several mitigation options and decided that purchasing small, mobile weather stations to place on individual fire burn areas made the most sense. This type of weather station can be placed on a recently burned area, left for several years and then moved to a new area as needed.

DEM utilized EMPG funding to purchase four weather stations for \$36,582.96. These weather stations are currently in use throughout the state and have already been used to provide warnings to local jurisdictions of potential debris flows. The stations have been placed in strategic locations so NWS can better monitor weather systems moving over the burn scars.

NWS chose the locations and is monitoring the stations. Here are the locations and links to the data the stations provide:

- Alpine City, site of the 2012 Quail Fire <u>NWS Data</u>
- Saratoga Springs, site of the 2012 Dump Fire <u>NWS Data</u>
- Fountain Green, site of the 2012 Wood Hollow Fire <u>NWS Data</u>
- Oak City, site of the 2012 Clay Springs Fire <u>NWS Data</u>

The weather stations will stay in these locations for about two years until growth regenerates and the hazard is reduced. At that time, the stations will be moved to new locations, or DEM will house them until needed again.

In at least a half dozen incidents during the 2013 summer months, the weather stations alerted NWS that intense rainfall was impacting the burn scars. In turn, NWS was able to alert downstream cities that a debris flow was imminent and action was required. These early warnings might not have been possible without the DEM/NWS partnership.

Click here for a link to the ABC4 news story: <u>New equipment</u> <u>will help predict mudslides</u>



From the Local Perspective: Use of Weather Station in Alpine City

By Shane L. Sorensen, Alpine City Public Works Director/City Engineer

The Quail Fire that Alpine City experienced in the summer of 2012 burned significant areas in the Box Elder and Wadsworth Canyons east of the city. The city had previous experience with a major fire and what followed the next couple of years when the Oak Mountain Fire burned Preston Canyon in 2000. The fire was followed by two separate debris flows triggered by intense thunderstorms centering on the burn scar. Alpine City knew that the threat of additional debris flows and flooding was likely. However, the tools for warning residents were limited.

When the Division of Emergency Management and National Weather Service approached the city about installing a small weather station near the burn scar, the city jumped at the opportunity. The weather station allows real-time data to be accessed by city staff and residents via a computer, smart phone or other electronic device to alert themselves or others of potential floods or debris flows. The city experienced four debris flow and flood events in a 60-day period in 2013. The weather station data, communication with National Weather Service representatives and an emergency call out system put in place by the city proved to be effective tools in warning residents of potential danger. The weather data has also been helpful in post-event analysis to gage how much rainfall is expected to trigger a debris flow or flood event.

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Wondering who your Regional Liaison is for the Division of Emergency Management? Visit our community page at: <u>Liaisons</u>

What's in Your Weather? This Issue: Communicate This!

By Kevin Barjenbruch, NOAA

If you've been to a conference or workshop over the past year, you may have noticed that avoiding at least one session devoted to communication is nearly inescapable and to that I say, "It is about time!" The National Weather Service (NWS) certainly has a renewed focus on communicating with our partners and customers, learning about their operations and decision points, and building trusted relationships. All of this allows us to help our communities protect lives and livelihoods. With this in mind, this issue will highlight a couple of communication options, and provide links to several other information resources. Of course, the tools below are never a substitute for an actual visit, so please contact the NWS if you see a visit or training opportunity.

Interactive NWS (iNWS)

This application suite allows NWS partners (not for the general public) to receive customized text message and/or e-mail alerts for NWS water and weather information. The alerts contain a shortened URL to full text and/or hazard maps.

To get started, visit <u>inws.wrh.noaa.gov</u> and click the "Register" link at the top of the page. Registration is easy and should only take a couple of minutes. Once registered, you will have the opportunity to choose and customize services you would like to receive. Define your iNWS alert areas by city, zip code, landmark, county, point, or even by drawing a boundary. Once you have your alert area(s) defined, select your hazards concerns, such as severe weather, winter weather, and flooding, including specific river forecast points.

NWSChat

NWSChat is an instant messaging program utilized by NWS operational personnel to share critical warning decision expertise and other types of significant weather information. A chat room has been created for media and emergency management and/or response officials, while customized chat rooms are available for the aviation and fire communities. Chat rooms are automatically populated with watches, warnings, advisories, and statements, many of which contain a link to full text and/or hazard maps. The chat rooms are an efficient forum for relay of reports to the NWS, as well as for users to seek forecast clarification and/or collaborate. To get started, visit <u>nwschat.weather.gov/create.php</u>. Once approved, simply use NWSChat Live at <u>nwschat.weather.gov/live</u>.

FloodSmart

http://www.floodsmart.gov

Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service

http://water.weather.gov

Weather Forecast Office Salt Lake City YouTube channel

<u>http://www.youtube.com/NWSSaltLakeCity</u> Weather Forecast Office Salt Lake City, Twitter handle

@NWSSaltLakeCity

Flash Flood Potential Rating

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/slc/river

Weather Forecast Office Service Salt Lake City, UT

http://weather.gov/saltlakecity

Weather Forecast Office Grand Junction, CO

http://weather.gov/gjt

Contact

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(Send an e-mail to Brian if you would like to be added to the Weather Forecast Office YouTube weather and water briefing distribution list.)

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Warning Coordination Meteorologist at NOAA's National Weather Service, Weather Forecast Office

Salt Lake City, UT.

Requests for weather support always welcome!

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Have you signed up on <u>EmergencyInfoUtah.com</u> to receive Emergency Mangement updates? If not, please visit the site and join the mailing list!

Riverdale City Emergency Response: Steps to a Successful Program

By: Ember Herrick, Riverdale City Recorder

Riverdale City has a residential population of 8,500 residents but that number increases to 40,000 to 60,000 during the day as thousands flock to our city to work, shop and play. Emergency preparedness is a high priority in Riverdale because of our unique situation as a regional commercial destination.

The first step authorized by Riverdale City Administrator Larry Hansen, with the support of our Mayor and Council, was the creation of 72-hour kits and other emergency supplies like food, water, shelter and emergency restroom facilities for all essential members of staff who will be expected to return to work to help in an emergency situation. These emergency kits are stored throughout the city in different buildings and in the trunks of city vehicles for staff use in the event of a catastrophic event.

Step two was to encourage all employees and their families to consider acquiring a personal emergency 72hour kit for their vehicles and homes. To assist staff in achieving this goal, each month in the employee newsletter an emergency item was featured for purchase to all city employees and their families at a discounted price. Nearly 100 employees purchased items through this program and reported feeling a greater sense of security that their families would be provided for in an emergency if they were needed at work. The employee newsletter also included monthly articles on emergency preparedness to help staff increase their knowledge of how to prepare for different emergency situations.

Step three was to update Riverdale's Emergency Operations Plan and create a "Council Guide to Disaster Operations" to educate elected officials and essential staff about their specific duties and responsibilities in an emergency situation. South Jordan City Emergency Manager Dustin Lewis was very helpful in sharing his city's plan and meeting with Riverdale staff to share the expertise of his full time emergency management team. Essential staff and elected officials were also encouraged to complete NIMS training so that Riverdale's response will be in compliance with state and federal guidelines.

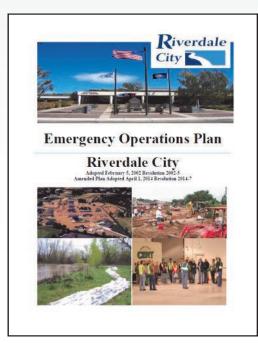
Step four involved identifying and mapping all CERT trained and HAM-licensed individuals in Riverdale to

identify which neighborhoods in Riverdale were better prepared and where greater outreach was needed.

Step five involved a citywide preparedness drill as part of The Great Utah Shake Out on April 17, 2014, to evaluate where staff feel additional training, resources, and communication is needed.

In the 2015 fiscal year, Riverdale City plans to reach out to the community with monthly CERT meetings and quarterly trainings and drills for the community. Emergency preparedness experts willing to do demonstrations that can be filmed and posted on Riverdale's website will allow local residents, staff, and business owners to become better educated about emergency preparedness. Staff also plan to facilitate the preparedness of our 350 commercial businesses to empower local business owners to create their own emergency preparedness plans and make arrangements for their staff and customers in an emergency situation to alleviate some of the pressure on Riverdale City's limited emergency responders following a catastrophic event.

Overall, Riverdale City has become much better prepared by just working on one goal a month for the past year. Our staff is energized about emergency preparedness and more confident about our ability to continue to serve the community in an emergency situation.



The week of June 15th is Lightning Safety Awareness Week. Heed weather watches and warning when outdoors. Seek shelter immediately during a lightning storm.

Utah's Newest Emergency Managers



Jayson Albee - Sanpete County Emergency Manager

Jayson has been with Sanpete County Sheriff's Office for 2 1/2 years. Before working in law enforcement, he was a general contractor. In January of this year Jayson was promoted to Sgt. and placed in charge of emergency management, SAR, and USAR.

He is an EMT and have been involved in SAR as an active member for five years. Jayson loves to fly fish and ride snowmobiles.



Cody Barton - Sevier County Emergency Manager

Cody Barton started his Law Enforcement Career in 2007 when he was hired by Sevier County Sheriff's Office. He attended the Corrections Academy at Fred House Academy. Graduating with honors, Cody received the Fred House Academic Achievement Award.

Upon graduation he worked as a Correctional Officer in the county jail. In 2009 he attended POST where he received his LEO certification. After graduation he began working as a Patrol Officer. In 2009 Cody certified in HAZMAT Awareness

and OPs, and in 2014 he completed his certification and became a HAZMAT Technician.

In 2010 Cody attended Utah County SWAT School. Upon completion he served on the Sevier County SWAT Team. In 2011 Cody became a Basic EMT and followed it up in 2013 by becoming an Advanced EMT.

In December of 2013 Cody was hired as the Sevier County Emergency Manager. He is dedicated to learning and serving our county and making sure we are prepared for any disaster that may come into our area. Cody serves as a Volunteer Firefighter for Richfield City and is also a Training Officer for the Department.

In his spare time, Cody loves to be in the outdoors and is a Licensed Hunting Guide for High Top Outfitters. He also enjoys participating in recreation sports where he plays basketball, flag football, softball, volleyball and hopscotch. Cody resides in Richfield with his wife, Julie, and their 4 children Macie, Treyson, Rhett and Beau.



Kelly Pehrson - San Juan County Emergency Manager

Kelly was born and raised in Monticello. He got his under grad degree in business management from Utah State University and my MBA from University of Utah. Kelly met his beautiful wife while attending grad school and now have 3 amazing kids. He started his career with Zions Bank doing commercial loans throughout California. Also worked in the banking world in Pasadena, Las Vegas, and Phoenix over a 10-year period.

With their kids getting older, he jumped on board for a better quality of life moving back to Monticello to be the city manager. Kelly was city manager for two years and

when county administrator opened up he took a chance and here he is. He was privileged to learn a lot from Rick Bailey, and has impossible shoes to fill. But he looks forward to learning emergency management and taking on this huge assignment. He has a very good team surrounding him and feels they will be able to accomplish a lot together. Kelly also appreciates all the help he is getting from all those who are involved in emergency management.

Observe ordinances while lighting fireworks. Only use fireworks in a safe area, with a bucket of water or hose nearby.

State of Utah Hazard Mitigation Plan Approved

By: Samantha Falde, DEM State Mitigation Intern

The Utah Division of Emergency Management, Mitigation and Recovery Section is pleased to announce that the 2014 update to the State Hazard Mitigation Plan has been approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), and was officially adopted by the State with the signature of Governor Gary Herbert on March 20, 2014. Now in effect, the new information presented in the 2014 update will replace any outdated information in the previous plans, providing the State and its residents with a wealth of useful and current data to guide ongoing mitigation efforts.

The 2014 State Hazard Mitigation Plan is the result of a collaborative effort between state, federal and local groups and individuals, including FEMA, the Utah Department of Public Safety, the seven associations of government and the State Hazard Mitigation Team (SHMT), which continues to meet quarterly to discuss and incorporate new findings and ongoing mitigation efforts.

The plan is designed to evaluate the risks that currently pose the greatest threats to Utah, and includes an assessment of natural hazards such as earthquakes, wildfires and floods; naturally occurring phenomena such as radon gas and problem soils; and manmade threats including hazardous materials spills and possible terrorist activity. The plan then goes one step further in prioritizing how and when these threats



STATE OF UTAH HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

March 2014



Governor Gary R. Herbert Lieutenant Governor Spencer J. Cox Department of Public Safety Commissioner, Keith D. Squires Division of Emergency Management Director, Kris J. Hamlet

will be addressed and suggests mitigation activities that will have the greatest chance of success. While the 2014 update of the plan contains new and different information, its ultimate goal is to protect the vitality of Utah's residents, infrastructure and natural environment by identifying and implementing activities to reduce vulnerability to the most critical natural and manmade hazards.

The State Hazard Mitigation Plan can be a helpful resource and guide for anyone looking to gain a better understanding of the hazards that are facing Utah. The plan is approved for a period of five years and the updated plan can be found <u>here</u>. And to read about additional hazard mitigation efforts in the State, visit the DEM Mitigation & Recovery Section <u>blog</u>.



Looking for Emergency Management Resources to support your local program? Check out our resource page at: <u>Resources</u>

This Show's A Disaster! Pandora's Promise (2013)

By Don Cobb, DEM Exercise Training Officer



Rating: 4 MREs

Written, Produced and Directed by Robert Stone, and several others

Pandora's Promise is a very interesting documentary created by award-winning filmmaker Robert Stone that portrays the intellectual conversion of several notable anti-nuclear energy activists to a pronuclear power perspective. It was recommended as must-see viewing by Blue Castle Project Chief Operating Officer Tom Retson (think Green River nuke plant) to the nearly 300 international nuke experts attending the National Radiological Emergency Preparedness (REP) recently held in Salt Lake City. No surprise there, huh?



Regardless, Pandora's Promise is a very good, if not epic flick. It did pretty well as a Sundance Film Festival selection in 2013, but has not had especially wide distribution since, other than CNN and Netflix. Critics have both praised and assailed its controversial premise that nuclear energy, in the end, is

a better power source than environmentally unfriendly fossil fuels, and might indeed save the world. Within the film, however, this "green" emphasis is shared with the intriguing portrayal of the activists' change in belief over time. Some fascinating nuke history is also included in this evolutionary process that may make you reminisce, grin, wince or cry out in dismay. Regardless, my guess is that you will in some way react to, and remember this film.

Pandora, according to Greek mythology, was the first woman created by the gods, and accordingly was made up of many godly gifts and traits. Out of curiosity, not malice, one day she opened a jar (more famously, a "box") that contained all the evils of the world. These loosed on humanity, by the time Pandora could close the darn lid, the only thing left inside was Hope, hence the title of this show.

In the end, only you can answer Ms. Williams' pressing questions for yourself, and Pandora's Promise is an excellent place to begin your internal dialogue. You can find it on Netflix, iTunes, and occasionally at theaters. Find more info at www.pandoraspromise.com.

Region 6 & 7 CERT Conference

Utah Regions 6 and 7 (Carbon, Emery, Grand and San Juan Counties) teamed up to conduct a terrific Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Conference on March 22, 2014. Between the two regions, more than 50 CERT members attended. The conference featured two speakers, Will Lusk, Logan City Emergency Manager, and James Ray, State Citizen Corps Coordinator. They emphasized the message that CERT is a necessity for our communities. Lusk shared firsthand knowledge about how CERTs helped in major emergencies in his city. Ray explained how CERTs can be used in many different roles. The conference breakouts offered exceptional skill-building exercises focusing on triage, cribbing and extrication. This was the first time the two regions partnered on a CERT conference. Organizers spent a great deal preparing for, and coordinating, a successful event. They established bonds and shared mutual interest between the regions. Their work formed lasting partnerships that may result in enhanced response capabilities in the future.



Fire danger is high! Take all precautions to prevent wildfires while outdoors. Extinguish campfires until cold to touch.

Moab Jeep Safari 2014

By Jesse Valenzuela, DEM Liaison

As the early morning sun rises to warm the cool April air on a Moab Easter weekend, the sounds of rock climbing mechanical goats rev up their tightly tuned engines, bringing with them effulgence upon the face of this inner world. The 2014 Moab Jeep Safari begins and 1500 off-road vehicles arrive for this annual rock fest. Moab's Jeep Safari originated in 1967 by the Moab Chamber of Commerce. The Jeep Safari is a jeeper's dream vacation and is to be on everyone's bucket list with over 37 different trails to choose from.

Grand County Sheriff Steven White and the recently appointed Grand County emergency manager, Rick Bailey, embark on a mission to host a fun and safe weekend for the local, but mostly out-of-town jeep enthusiast.



Poison Spider, Potato Salad, Hell's Revenge and Dragon's Tail at first glance are overwhelming to the inexperienced eye. Going down these trails is scary enough. However, add in a high degree of difficulty for the ascent and now that gives you a new appreciation for how technically important the driver and vehicle are.

Rick Bailey and Sheriff White set up Grand County's mobile command and mobile communications vehicles. Several law enforcement agencies, along with Grand County Search and Rescue, assisted with this event. A unified command post was set up along with Grand County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

The Utah DPS helicopter also assisted with this weekend event. The weekend was a large success, due to the impeccable preparation efforts of Rick and Sheriff White.

Send your PIO to the Utah PIO Association Conference

By Susan Thomas , DEM Planning Section Manager

After meeting monthly during the past year, a special Utah PIO Association conference committee has put together yet another valuable conference to share best practices and lessons learned. Four years ago, the Utah PIOs launched upward to a new level, producing an annual conference that was called "the best PIO conference in the country." It still continues to receive accolades, as well as attendees from other states.

Year-round, the conference committee keeps their eyes on the news around Utah and across the country. They select the most challenging news events of the year and invite those PIOs to share their behind-the-scenes look at what really happened, what really worked and what really made them bleed as they tried to ride the media-frenzied roller coaster of the event. The result is an extraordinary conference.

The conference is a must do. If you have a PIO, a part-time PIO, or just "someone in your office who handles that," give them the funds and get them to St. George on September 30 - October 1. Here is the link to <u>the registration and</u> <u>agenda</u>. The conference fee is \$200 before August 29, and \$225 after, which includes a few meals and a social. Hotel is \$80/night if you book early. The association membership is free. Just go to <u>emergencyinfoutah.com</u>, click "join mailing list" and select the "public information officers" group. You will then receive invitations to the association's quarterly lunch meetings and the annual conference.

This year, presenters scheduled include PIOs from schools, hospitals and law enforcement agencies who found themselves in front of the national news cameras sharing breaking news. The presentations planned include: Rockport Wildfire panel, Utah police shooting panel, Sandy Hook shooting, Amber Alert rescue in Idaho, Washington State mudslide, Colorado flooding, Yarnell Hill firefighters, Boston Marathon hospital and Oklahoma tornadoes.

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Want to attend a training at EMI? Need to finish your Advanced Professional Series (APS)? For information, visit our training page at: <u>DEM Training</u>





To take a course offered by the Division of Emergency Management, you must create an account on our training data system, U-TRAIN at <u>www.utah.train.org</u>. 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 <u>http://publicsafety.utah.gov/</u> <u>emergencymanagement/trainingnew.html</u>. 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 <u>tedwoolley@utah.gov</u>



Citizen Corps Pillar Program Display Boxes Completed

By Wade Mathews and James Ray, Be Ready Utah

The State Citizen Corps Council approved the use of Citizen Corps funding to create Citizen Corps pillar program display boxes for each county in Utah. DEM recently completed assembly of the boxes. They are now available, by request, for delivery to county emergency managers and to regional health departments.

The display boxes were created to provide each county and communities within counties the tools to effectively promote each of the Citizen Corps pillar programs at local events. They may be used for static displays, booths, recruitment and any other appropriate promotional effort.

plays, booths, recruitment and any other appropriate promotional effort. With the exception of Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) boxes, the pillar program display boxes will be stored and managed by county emergency managers. Any local municipality, for-profit, non-profit and community group may utilize this resource by contacting their county emergency manager (contact info can be found on the interactive map here: <u>EM Map</u>. MRC display boxes will be stored and managed by the MRC coordinator at each county/regional health department.

Please contact your local MRC coordinator for use of the MRC display boxes (<u>MRC Coordinator contact info can be</u> <u>found here</u>). State Citizen Corps contact info can be found at: <u>State Citizen Corps Info</u>.

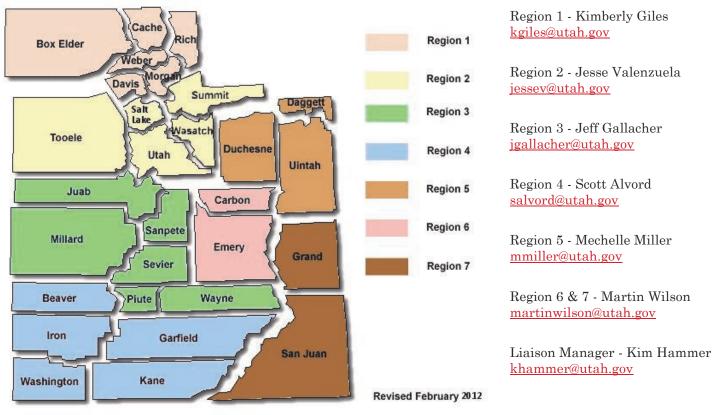
While the contents of the display boxes vary slightly by pillar program, the following pillar program-specific items are generally included: wall banner and bungee cords, table cloth, brochures, pens and lapel pins. Any other display items you want to add to the existing content is encouraged upon consent of the county emergency manager or MRC coordinator. Emergency managers and MRC coordinators are encouraged to identify funding to replace exhausted supplies.

There are a couple of Citizen Corps-specific display boxes at the State Office Building. If you are interested in using these or have any other questions, please contact James Ray, State Citizen Corps coordinator, at 801-538-3193 or <u>jray@utah.gov.</u>



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Looking for help with WebEOC, training, exercises, grants, updating or writing your Emergency Operation Plan? Find your Regional Liaison on the map below.



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.uemaonline.com



Interested in photos and stories of Utah's disasters over the years? Visit our Flickr site and Natural Hazards & Mitigation Blog http://www.flickr.com/photos/utahnaturalhazards/ http://uthazardmitigation.wordpress.com/



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