



Bear River MRC Newsletter

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2012 Training

The coordinators of both the Cache County and Box Elder County MRC units met recently and discussed a new method for training. Starting in 2012, our training meetings will be combined, and they will alternate back and forth between the two counties. They will be held every two months and, at the very least, they will include a brief training segment featuring specific equipment on our response trailers.

We recognize that it may be difficult for some members to attend training in the other county. But you should be able to attend the three training meetings that are held in your county during the year. Information presented at each training meeting will be summarized in newsletters that will be distributed in the months between meetings. But we strongly encourage you to attend all six training meetings throughout the year if you are available to do so.

This year's training meetings will be held at 7 p.m. on the third Thursday every other month.
(Please note the new location in Box Elder County.)

February 16
Bunderson Center
641 E. 200 North
Brigham City
Equipment Topic: Oxygen and airway devices

August 16
Bear River Health Department
655 E. 1300 North
Logan
Equipment Topic: Patient packaging equipment and supplies

April 19
Location to be announced in conjunction with the statewide earthquake drill
Cache County
Equipment Topic: Suction devices

October 18
Bunderson Center
641 E. 200 North
Brigham City
Equipment Topic: Power and light devices

June 21
Bunderson Center
641 E. 200 North
Brigham City
Equipment Topic: Splinting devices

December 20
Bear River Health Department
655 E. 1300 North
Logan
Equipment Topic: Personal protective equipment

Utah ShakeOut

A tremendous earthquake is scheduled to hit Utah at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, April 17. The ground probably won't shake, but Utahns are being asked to drop, cover and hold on as part of the state's largest earthquake drill in history. The Bear River Medical Reserve Corps will be contacted by Utah Responds to staff a shelter. **We will only be exercising our communications and scheduling system on this day.** Our regular training meeting on Thursday, April 19, will conclude our participation in this exercise. More information will be provided before the drill.

Your Email Address and Utah Responds Profile

The primary method of sending important information to our MRC members is by email. In fact, future editions of this newsletter will be sent by email. However, many of our members have not updated their Utah Responds profile to include their most current email addresses. Please visit www.utahresponds.org and update your profile today. An accurate profile is necessary to keep you informed before, during and after disasters and other emergencies.

For those who don't remember their user name or password, please contact Mike Weibel at 435-792-6520. This is also a good time to recommend writing down your user name and password and keeping it where you can find it -- perhaps with a bag of gear you might grab when responding. If you don't check your email regularly, this might also be a place to keep your email address, password and instructions.



Save the Date

The annual Utah MRC Summit will be Saturday, April 28 in Provo. More information will be provided when it is available. You can also check the state MRC website at www.utahmrc.org. Information will be posted there when it is available.

Handbooks and New Member Orientations

We are in the process of revising our member handbooks, which will include a step-by-step guide for Utah Responds. We hope to have those completed in time for New Member Orientations, which will be scheduled toward the end of March.

Free FEMA Classes

FEMA offers many online emergency management classes. All responders should, at least, take IS 700, IS 800, IS 100 and IS 200 -- in that order. If you haven't done so already, you can access these classes at <http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.asp>. If you don't have access to a computer, please call Mike Weibel at 435-792-6520. He can provide you with access to a computer, by appointment, at the Bear River Health Department.