



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

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City Center Offices

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State Street
Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

Community/Senior Center

25 North Main
769-8637/769-8625

City Website

www.lindoncity.org

"2012 Drill Down for Safety"

It is that time of year again, when we get together as a community and practice our emergency response skills. The Drill this year will be held on September 17, 2012 in Lindon City, in partnership with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Be Ready Utah. This event is scheduled each year to occur near the anniversary of the terror events of 9/11 with the intent of raising awareness and agency ability in the areas of emergency management and emergency preparedness. This year's Drill has been in planning for well... about a year! Our dedicated team of volunteer Drill Coordinators and Committee Chairs seem to never stop coming up with good ideas. They always seem to find ways to encourage us all to be a little safer.

Events here in Utah this year should make it very evident to us all that we are vulnerable to a variety of events in our City which could result in a need for a neighborhood and community response. As I write, folks in Saratoga Springs and New Harmony are digging out from huge mudslides from the earlier fires and thunderstorms. Wildfires are still raging across the state and flood and landslides from severe thunderstorms have closed several roadways in the state. These events have affected the lives of many of our neighbors and friends and we never know when we could be next!

The Drill Down for Safety will be more involved this year than ever! On August 30th, we hosted an amazing presentation by Be Ready Utah's own Maralin Hoff, also known as "The Earthquake Lady". Maralin presented us with preparedness ideas and planning tips and gave the crowd a demonstration of the effect of a 7.0 Earthquake on a home, using a model known as "The Earthquake House". It was a very valuable hour to spend. Watch for future announcements as we will have "The Earthquake Lady" back again at the Community Center. On September 5th we are hosting a "Ready your Business" event for any business in Utah County. All are invited to learn not only how to protect your employees so that they survive an event, but also how to recover and move on, and keeping your business viable and profitable after the event.

Following a training event for Block Captains on September 6th, the Drill itself will be held on September 17th at precisely 6:00 p.m. At that time we ask for everyone in the City to respond to their Block Captains home. If you will be out of town or cannot attend that evening, please let a trusted neighbor know in advance so they can report that your family is away and accounted for. In an actual event, that little notification may save hours of unnecessary resources spent searching to determine your condition. For most of you, that is the only request. Block Captains, Neighborhood Coordinators and Area Coordination teams will then work with City Emergency Managers to develop and improve upon communication channels to the City Emergency Operations Center, and then practice sending resources, personnel, supplies and information back into areas of the City in need. Our goal is to make our mistakes as we practice the drill and not in an actual future emergency.

Lindon City will continue to lead in the effort of personal preparedness, and as a city be dedicated to promoting safety and emergency preparedness efforts among its residents. Our efforts as a community are getting attention as we are being followed as an example by other cities. Please participate in the drill and make this a fun event with neighbors as you practice together for that day which we all hope never comes!

Cody Cullimore, Chief of Police

RESERVATIONS

If you would like to reserve the Community Center, the Veterans Hall or a City Park, please call the Community Center front desk at 801-769-8637. To reserve the City Building Council/Court Chambers call 801-785-5043. Thank you!