

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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GOALS:

1. Provide leadership in emergency preparedness and the profession of Emergency Management.
 - a. Establish and maintain a collaborative and consistent professional relationship with partner associations, organizations, and agencies in emergency management.
 - b. Research and establish core competencies for emergency management based on guidance and standards.
 - i. Complete the review and update the basics of the city's Emergency Disaster Plan (EDP).
2. Prepare Uintah City to respond to, recover from, and militate against natural and man-made emergencies and disasters.
 - a. Clarify the EDP's chain of command and lines of control.
 - b. Establish a unified response plan to a crisis; to prevent or minimize the threat when possible; and to respond quickly and effectively when prevention is not possible.
3. Identify and document citywide unique specialty resources in the areas of unique personnel skills, specialty equipment, and location identification.
 - a. Designate key personnel in response areas.
 - b. Designate resources needed/ available.
 - c. Encourage Emergency Preparedness seminars and advertise for all city residents.

UPDATES:

JANUARY 2012: The Emergency Preparedness Committee will meet on February 15th. Several people are already helping the City through their efforts, such as Jim Morkin who is preparing Emergency Preparedness seminars again, similar to last years. I need help with a few areas, such as ham radio operators who can maintain communications with emergency response people in an emergency when phones are down. Please call me if you are a ham operator.

FEBRUARY 2012: The Emergency Preparedness Committee is working on the city's EOP (Emergency Operations Plan) in preparation for the state-wide earthquake drill which is scheduled to be held in April this year. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 28, at 7 pm, at the Old City Hall. If you would like to take part on this committee, please contact Lee Wohlgemuth.

APRIL 2012: The City's Emergency Preparedness Plan was approve at the last City Council meeting. This plan will guide us in the event we have a "really bad" day. This plan will allow us to have pre-printed forms and plans of actions for us to use and to document all activities.

We are glad to have four amateur radio operators (Ham) here in our city. They are Ken Johnson, Gordon Putman, Dave Shurtleff and Larry Coombs. They meet each Wednesday at the old City Hall at 7:00 PM for training and practice. They have invited anyone in the city, who may be interested or want to become a ham radio operator, to attend their meeting and their training. It would be a great experience to go see what's involved with this program.

The City will be involved with the Weber County Emergency Preparedness training on April 16th and with the State wide "Great Shake-Out" earthquake training on April 17th. Also, the Pleasant Valley State Emergency Preparedness Fair is scheduled for Saturday April 28th. Information and product vendors will be there to answer questions and to give great ideas on how to be more prepared for an emergency situation.