



Jan - Mar 2011

BE PREPARED.....PLAN ON IT

Please come and get involved in Emergency Preparedness planning for your Neighborhood! The Emergency Management Division and the Emergency Volunteer Coordinating Committee from the City of Taylorsville invite you to join them on January 26th or January 27th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall (2600 W. Taylorsville Blvd. (54th S.)). Two different dates were selected to accommodate busy schedules (both meetings will be the same, you need only attend one).

In a disaster, it could be days or weeks before local, county, state or other outside support would be available. Being prepared as individuals, families, neighborhoods, schools and businesses is the key to limiting the threat to life safety and property. Recovering from disaster is shorter-lived and less of a physical, emotional and financial burden on a community when efforts to mitigate the effects have been coordinated and planned by all entities within the community. The “**Prepared Neighborhood**” would like you to partner with us in this endeavor.

Come and learn how you can prepare yourself and your family, as well as coordinate with your neighbors for responding to any type of disaster. At this meeting you will also find out how the Emergency Response Coordinator and the Volunteer Area Coordinators have divided the City into 6 areas and identified staging sites to assist in response efforts as a support for our community. How your neighborhood can connect into this plan will be one of the main focuses of these meetings.

Our local HAM volunteers will be in attendance to discuss how they will participate to ensure that communication is available throughout all six areas. If you have a HAM operating license and wish to get involved or have an interest in knowing what plans have been put in place, please take advantage of this opportunity.

Your input and participation are vital as we all work together to prepare. For more information, please contact Lisa Schwartz at 801-301-8100 or by email, lschwartz@taylorsvilleut.gov.

O r g a n i z i n g Y o u r

N e i g h b o r h o o d Training

Learn simple firefighting techniques.

Learn basic search-and-rescue skills.

Learn to assess yourself, your family and coworkers for injuries. Learn to assess your home and workplace for hazards or damage.

Learn to assess your community for hazards, needs and available resources.

Inventory Your Neighbors' Skills

As a part of the community response team planning process, teams should conduct an inventory of the skills and resources available at home, work and community.

You should have this information on hand.

During and After an Earthquake

Before an earthquake for efficient, effective responses. Identify people who:

Have medical, electrical, child-care, leadership, firefighting, and survival skills. Own chain saws, citizen band radios, four wheel drive vehicles, motorcycles and water purifiers.

Are willing and able to be a runner/bicyclist to deliver messages if telephone lines are down.

After an earthquake or other disaster, emergency response agencies could be overburdened and might not be able to get to your neighborhood immediately.

You and your neighbors or coworkers may need to take the initial emergency response actions and take care of others for at least 72 hours. Past earthquakes have thrust many untrained people into positions of providing first aid and rescuing people. You need to be prepared!

If a response team has not been organized in your neighborhood or workplace, form one now.

Joining and forming a community response team can greatly improve your chances of surviving an earthquake and can improve the self-sufficiency of neighborhood.

Organizing Your Neighborhood

Every home or office has people with special needs. Your neighborhood response team should work with these individuals in advance to determine what extra assistance or supplies they may require after an

earthquake or other emergency. Some of the people who may require special assistance included:

Physically Challenged

Deaf or hearing impaired

Blind

Limited mobility—wheelchair-bound

Persons who require special oxygen supply

Persons with significant medical conditions

Other

Children who spend time alone

Non-English speaking

Store Supplies

In addition to the water, food and other supplies that everyone needs to stock, members of the community response team should store tools. Items such as the following should be stored in a central and easily accessible location.

Gloves and goggles

Adjustable wrenches

Hard hats and vest

Flashlights with extra batteries

Axes and crowbars

Ropes

We encourage all to get to know their Block Captain and prepare as neighbors. CERT training course dates will be announced at the Taylorsville City meetings on January 26th and 27th. Please come and be the “Prepared Neighbor”

Other Training:

CPR CLASS

First Tuesday of Each Month

6:00-10:00 p.m.

Taylorsville City Council Chambers

2600 West Taylorsville Blvd. (5320 South)

Taylorsville, Utah

Cost of the one-time class is \$30 per person.

To register for the four-hour class, call **Meisha Collins** (Unified Fire Authority), at **801-743-7243**. On-line registration will be available the last of August 2010 at **unifiedfire.org**.