



Oct - December 2009

Our neighborhoods are organizing for emergencies by creating blocks of ten to fifteen families with a “Block Captain” responsible to see this happens. We invite our neighbors to join with us in being prepared and working together in response to any future emergency. The Block Captains will distribute this quarterly newsletter which will provide useful community information. We know that preparation precedes power and unity in numbers gives us strength as a neighborhood.

CERT training and other emergency and First Aid training will be available in the near future as we become organized. We will be working hand in hand with local entities to accomplish this and other essential services such as communications and “neighborhood Watch programs”.

Through the Block Captain, families are provided information and assist families in their emergency preparedness efforts. They collect family information to identify or locate family members. The form is on page eleven of your handbook.

This information is kept confidential by the Block Captain for emergency use only.

The suggestions and information contained in future newsletters could be placed in the Preparedness guidebooks for future reference. Each quarter will focus on a specific topic with recipes and helpful hints. We look forward to getting to know our neighbors better as we become a “PREPARED NEIGHBORHOOD”.

## Emergency and Family Preparedness

CERT (*Community Emergency Response Team*) training courses are taught in various areas of the Salt Lake Valley by UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY.

One starts on **October 28<sup>th</sup>** (Wednesday) and goes every Wednesday evening with the last one on December 9<sup>th</sup> (due to Thanksgiving – that week is skipped). This is a **Spanish speaking CERT class**.

The second class starts on **October 29<sup>th</sup>** (Thursday) and goes every Thursday evening with the last one on December

10th<sup>d</sup> (due to skipping the week of Thanksgiving). This is English speaking.

**Both classes will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and the location is being worked out right now.** We have to have the Mayor approve if it is held here in the Fire Station or the City Building. He is out of the office at the moment.

**For more information or to register, please visit [www.unifiedfire.org](http://www.unifiedfire.org). Contact Unified Fire Authority at 801-743-7130 or email at [communityassistance@ufa-slco.org](mailto:communityassistance@ufa-slco.org). [Click here to download CERT registration form.](#)**

Registration forms can be mailed or faxed to:

**Unified Fire Authority  
Attn: CERT Program  
4570 South 2300 East  
Salt Lake City, UT 84117  
Fax No: 801-272-3514**

**COST: \$30 (INCLUDES HELMET, VEST, FIRST AID GEAR AND TEXTBOOK)**  
*(Participants will need to bring safety glasses, gloves, and sturdy work boots.)*

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

*Disaster Awareness  
Fire Safety (including fire extinguisher use)  
Emergency Medical Skills  
Light Search and Rescue  
Psychology of Disasters  
Emergency Organizational Skills*

**CPR Training is also available:**

**CPR CLASS**

**First Tuesday of Each Month  
6:00-10:00 p.m.  
Taylorsville Fire Station #18 -**

**Community Room  
5317 S. 2700 W.  
Taylorsville, Utah**

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

**To register for the four-hour class, call Neisha Collins (Unified Fire Authority), at 801-743-7243.**

**You could be anywhere - at work, at school or in the car. How will you find each other? Will you know if your children are safe?**  
Emergencies and disasters can strike quickly and without warning and can force you to evacuate your neighborhood or confine you to your home. What would you do if basic services - water, gas, electricity or telephones - were cut off?