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*The Division of Emergency Management
Wishes you a Happy Holiday Season!*





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Director's Message



Happy holidays from the Division of Emergency Management!

As we wrap up 2013 and get ready to file it away, a new year with new opportunities waits to be opened. I've been reflecting on this past year and discovered we have a lot to be thankful for.

Disasters

- No, we're not thankful for the disasters, but we're thankful for the lack of disasters in 2013. We did have one Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) and a fall flooding event, but that was the closest we came all year (knock on wood) to having a federally declared disaster.
- It's now been just more than one year since the severe storm and flooding in Santa Clara was declared a disaster. That declaration, affectionately known as DR-4088 around our office, opened our state to federal public assistance to the tune of \$1.7 million. So far, \$1.4 million has been paid to local entities who are recovering from that incident. Also, the Santa Clara Dam Reconstruction Project has been completed, which means significant progress has been made toward rebuilding infrastructure and protecting residents in Santa Clara.

Mitigation and Warning

- Thanks to a grant from FEMA, our Mitigation/Recovery Section purchased four portable weather stations that have been placed above burn scars throughout the state. The stations will be managed by the National Weather Service and will help predict debris flows for communities below the burn scars. Better information at the right time can save lives.

Training

- Over 2,000 first responders, emergency managers and public officials who participated in the courses taught by DEM demonstrated a commitment to better public service through training. As you improve yourselves and progress, you are helping your communities progress as well. Thank you for that commitment.

Preparedness

- The Be Ready Utah program continues to flourish, as more people attend preparedness presentations. More schools are also participating in Masters of Disaster. This program is a partnership between DEM and the American Red Cross and helps teach school children how they should respond when disaster strikes. Thanks to concerned schools, we're reaching thousands of children.
- And of course, we continue to be grateful for the [Great Utah ShakeOut](#) and the annual earthquake drill's ability to rally hundreds of thousands of people to continue on their path to preparedness.

You

- You know the phrase all too well: Disasters start and end locally. Your professionalism and your commitment to emergency management is keeping your communities safe, prepared and resilient. I am personally grateful for the contributions you make and proud to be associated with you.

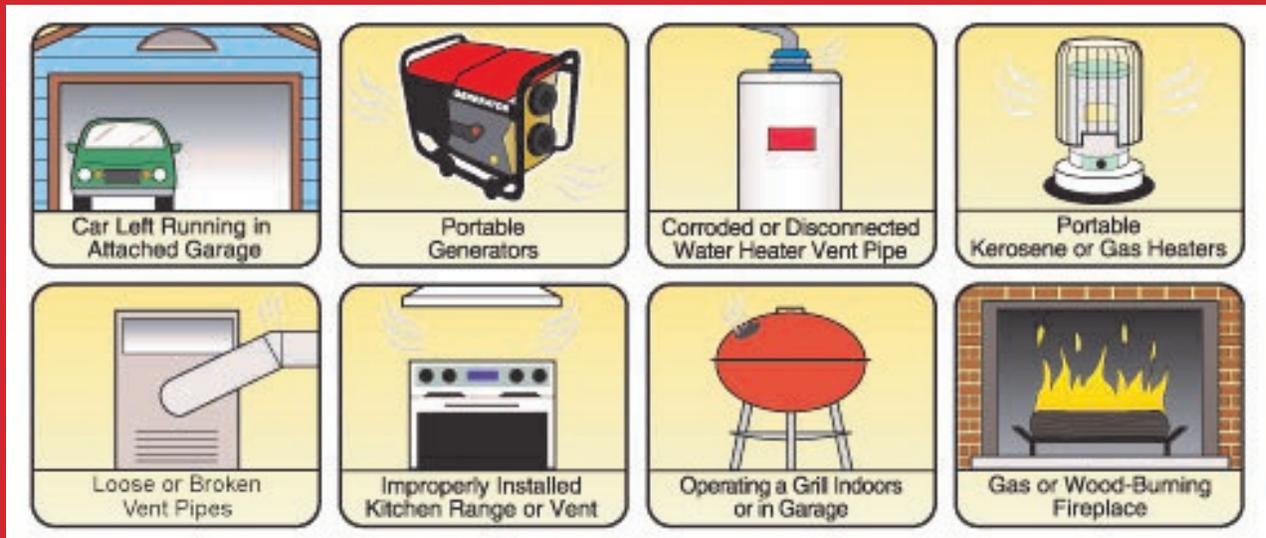
Here's to looking forward to a great 2014. I'm glad we're all on the same team.

Director Kris Hamlet

'Tis the Season to Thwart Carbon Monoxide (CO) Poisoning

By Matt Beaudry

Home furnaces and other heating devices are now up and running so please be mindful of the heating sources in your home that can release carbon monoxide (CO). CO is an odorless and colorless gas that is a by-product of combustion that can be lethal.



If you suspect CO poisoning in your home get everyone out, call 911, and wait for the fire department. As counter-intuitive as it seems, do NOT ventilate your house. As long as everyone is out (pets too!) keep your house sealed so that the fire guys can get an accurate reading with their gas sniffers to determine if CO really is in play.

It is very important to install carbon monoxide detectors near or in each separate sleeping area. For added protection, placement of an additional detector at least 15-20 feet away from the furnace or fuel burning heat sources is recommended.

Also, install carbon monoxide detectors at least 10 feet from sources of humidity like bathrooms and showers. In two story houses, install one carbon monoxide alarm on each level of the home. If you have a basement, carbon monoxide detector placement is recommended at the top of the basement stairs.

More FAQs for CO detectors can be answered at [this site](#)

Be Safe This Holiday Season!

When Disaster Strikes Statewide Year in Review - Public Assistance Open Disasters

Disaster: DR-1955 (Severe Winter Storms and Flooding) - Totals as of 11/30/13

Incident Period: December 20-24, 2010

Major Disaster Declaration declared on February 11, 2011

Counties: Garfield, Kane, Washington

No. of Project Worksheets (PWs): 160

Total Project amount on PWs: \$11,556,138

Obligated Federal Share amount: \$8,667,446

(Obligated Federal Share already paid to applicants: \$6,650,508)

Most of the disaster recovery work is complete, and reimbursement payments to applicants are underway. The State is now transitioning its efforts to closeout. We will be conducting final site inspections, compiling required documentation, and working with FEMA Region VIII to closeout all projects.

Disaster: DR-4011 (Statewide Flooding) - Totals as of 11/30/13

Incident Period: April 18 to July 16, 2011

Major Disaster Declaration declared on August 8, 2011

Counties: Beaver, Box Elder, Cache, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Millard, Morgan, Piute, Salt Lake, Sanpete, Sevier, Summit, Tooele, Uintah, Utah, Wasatch, and Weber, and the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation

No. of Project Worksheets (PWs): 352

Total project amount on PWs: \$12,088,348

Obligated Federal Share amount: \$9,050,519

(Obligated Federal Share already paid to applicants: \$6,689,752)

Most of the disaster recovery work is complete, and reimbursement payments to applicants are underway. The State is now transitioning its efforts to closeout. We will be conducting final site inspections, compiling required documentation, and working with FEMA Region VIII to closeout all projects.

Disaster: DR-4053 (Severe Wind Storm) - Totals as of 11/30/13

Incident Period: November 30 to December 1, 2011

Major Disaster Declaration declared on February 1, 2012

County: Davis

No. of Project Worksheets (PWs): 93

Total project amount on PWs: \$4,005,708

Obligated Federal Share amount: \$2,579,454

(Obligated Federal Share already paid to applicants: \$2,501,857)

Most of the disaster recovery work is complete, and reimbursement payments to applicants are underway. The State is now transitioning its efforts to closeout. We will be conducting final site inspections, compiling required documentation, and working with FEMA Region VIII to closeout all projects.

Disaster: DR-4088 (Severe Storm and Flooding) - Totals as of 11/30/13

Incident Period: September 11, 2012

Major Disaster Declaration declared on November 3, 2012

County: Washington

No. of Project Worksheets (PWs): 32

Total project amount on PWs: \$2,315,770

Obligated Federal Share amount: \$1,742,813

(Obligated Federal Share already paid to applicants: \$1,395,006)

Disaster recovery work is underway. As work is completed, reimbursement payments will be made to applicants.

ShakeOut, Don't Freak Out

By Joe Dougherty

What did you learn during the 2013 Great Utah ShakeOut?

Did you find out that:

- a) Your food storage is old enough to have voted for Reagan?
- b) Stop, drop and roll does nothing for you in an earthquake?
- c) You actually don't understand the process for reuniting with your child at school following a disaster?
- d) All of the above?

This is exactly why the ShakeOut is so important. Everyone knows stop, drop and roll. But we need to teach them **drop, cover and hold on**. You're in luck. On April 17, 2014, we're inviting the entire state once again to drop to the ground, take cover under a sturdy table or desk and hold on while practicing for another fake earthquake.

The third Great Utah ShakeOut is a great time to also review your food storage and contact your child's school to learn about their reunification procedures.

Sign up

ShakeOut 2014 will take place at 10:15 a.m. You can sign up or renew your registration from 2013 on the official ShakeOut website: ShakeOut.org/Utah. If you didn't participate this year, why not join us for 2014?

We have a very simple goal: 1 million.

Thanks to a whole lot of preparedness-minded individuals, we're already nearing 275,000 participants with just over four months to go.

The 2013 ShakeOut showed us that hundreds of thousands of Utahns were willing to participate in emergency preparedness. We had 860,000 registered to participate. Since 2012, more than 1.8 million Utahns have joined in the fun.

Please share the ShakeOut and your commitment to emergency preparedness with your communities, with your local faith groups, school districts, chambers of commerce and more. Let's use the 2014 ShakeOut to further increase our preparedness.

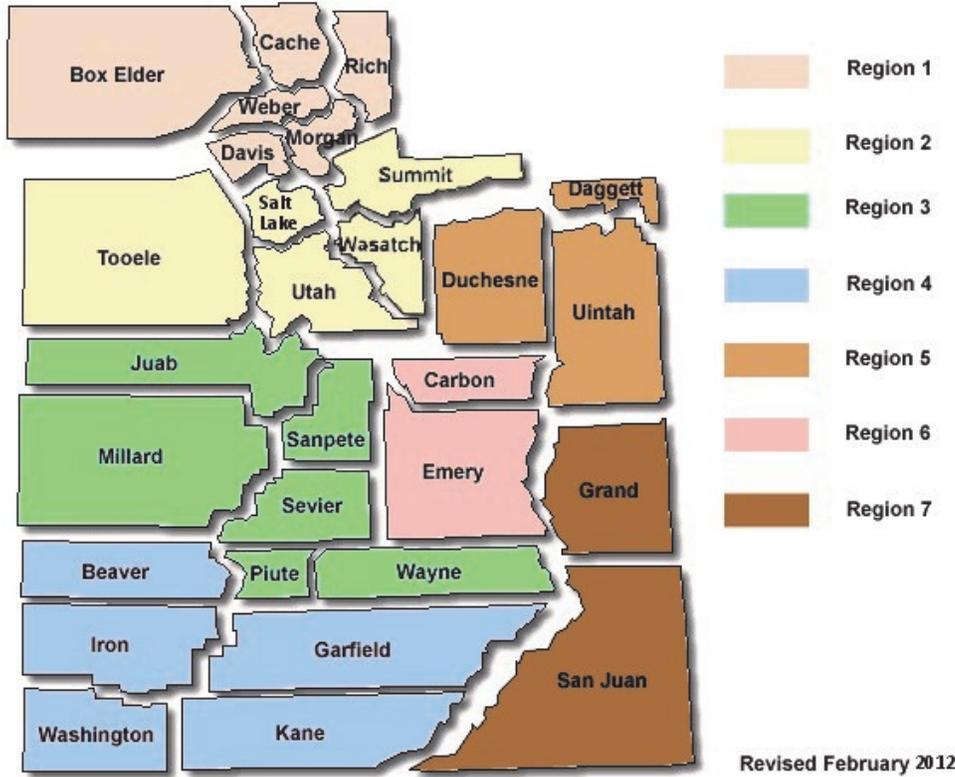
If you answered yes to any of the above questions, or even if you learned something else, the ShakeOut is a time to get better. Don't just do it for yourself. Do it for all of the people who are counting on you.

Don't forget to follow the ShakeOut on Twitter [@UtahShakeOut](https://twitter.com/UtahShakeOut) and on [Facebook.com/UtahShakeOut](https://www.facebook.com/UtahShakeOut).

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<http://dem.utah.gov>

Be Ready Utah:
<http://bereadyutah.gov>

State Citizen Corps Council:
<http://citizencorps.utah.gov>

WebEOC **NEW WEB ADDRESS:**
<https://veocutah.webeocasp.com>

Emergency Info Utah:
<http://www.EmergencyInfoUtah.com>

UEMA:
www.uemaonline.com



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