

Where Is South Salt Lake in our Emergency Preparedness Effort?

The Mayor is responsible for SSL's emergency response and recovery actions. She signed the Emergency Readiness Executive Order, which establishes responsibilities and oversight for:

1. planning
2. training
3. exercises relating to emergency events.
(See Executive Order document for newly established groups and their purposes)

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Salt Lake County received a grant to write EOPs for the county and its cities, so we are all on the same page in the event of a disaster. The plan outlines steps required to prevent, protect, mitigate, respond to and recover from a disaster, both short and long term. It assumes leaders and staff will be trained and prepared, but first that we will prepare our own families so that we may assist in our local SSL community efforts. It is our responsibility to educate and train employees, residents and businesses about how to prepare for a disaster.

Current activities:

- The City's Emergency Operations Plan is complete
- Chief Morris has assigned Battalion/Training Chief Blaine Daimaru as City Emergency Response Coordinator
- A leadership Line of Succession document has been created, and will come before the council at some point in the future to be adopted by the council
- Creating an Emergency Readiness Guide for City Council Members, to include the current Emergency Operations Plan and Emergency Readiness Executive Order, as well as Council responsibilities in the event of a disaster. Need to schedule and carry out training in a future work meeting.
- Created a spreadsheet for every department with training requirements for each employee based on responder level; tracking course completion dates and compiling certificates of completion
- Currently updating the City's Mitigation Plan to give to the County
- Currently assigning employees to each of the Teams/Groups in the Emergency Readiness Executive Order

Current goals:

- Write Continuity and Recovery Plans as required by the Emergency Readiness Order
- Research family preparedness training to share with the public; partner with local stakeholders to hold annual training events
- Work with the Chamber and Community Development to plan Ready Your Business training
- Review details of the EOP, locate or write SOPs for required actions; share access
- Add Council members to Training spreadsheet for emergency preparedness and response training
- Meet with County Emergency Preparedness Manager, to better understand the County's role if a disaster were to occur. For example Emergency Support Function #14, Long Term Community Recovery annex states that we defer to the County... what does that mean?
- Create a section of our website for emergency preparedness and compile resources for the community
- Prepare thoroughly for the Great Shake Out which occurs every spring. Our first test run was a disaster...
- Develop and carry out table top exercises to ensure we are prepared for a disaster
- Fine tune Emergency Call Out system for employees.

FEMA website for independent study training:

<http://training.fema.gov/IS/NIMS.aspx>

Needed courses:

- IS-100.b Introduction to Incident Command System
- IS-700.a National Incident Management System (NIMS) An Introduction
- IS-200.b ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
- IS-800.b National Response Framework, An Introduction
- G402/ICS-402 Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives and Senior Officials