



AREA COORDINATOR TRAINING

Layton Citizen
Corps Council
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Introduction

- Following the tragic events that occurred on September 11, 2001, state and local government officials increased opportunities for citizens to become an integral part of protecting the homeland and supporting the local first responders. Officials agree that the formula for ensuring a more secure and safer homeland consists of preparedness, training, and citizen involvement in supporting first responders.
- In January 2002, the President of the United States launched Citizen Corps, to capture the spirit of service that emerged throughout our communities following the terrorist attacks.



THE MISSION OF CITIZEN CORPS

- The mission of Citizen Corps is to harness the power of every individual through education, training, and volunteer service to make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to respond to the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

- Emergency Preparedness includes:
 - Crime Prevention (Neighborhood Watch)
 - Natural / Manmade Disasters (CERT) & Terrorism
 - Personal and Family Preparedness

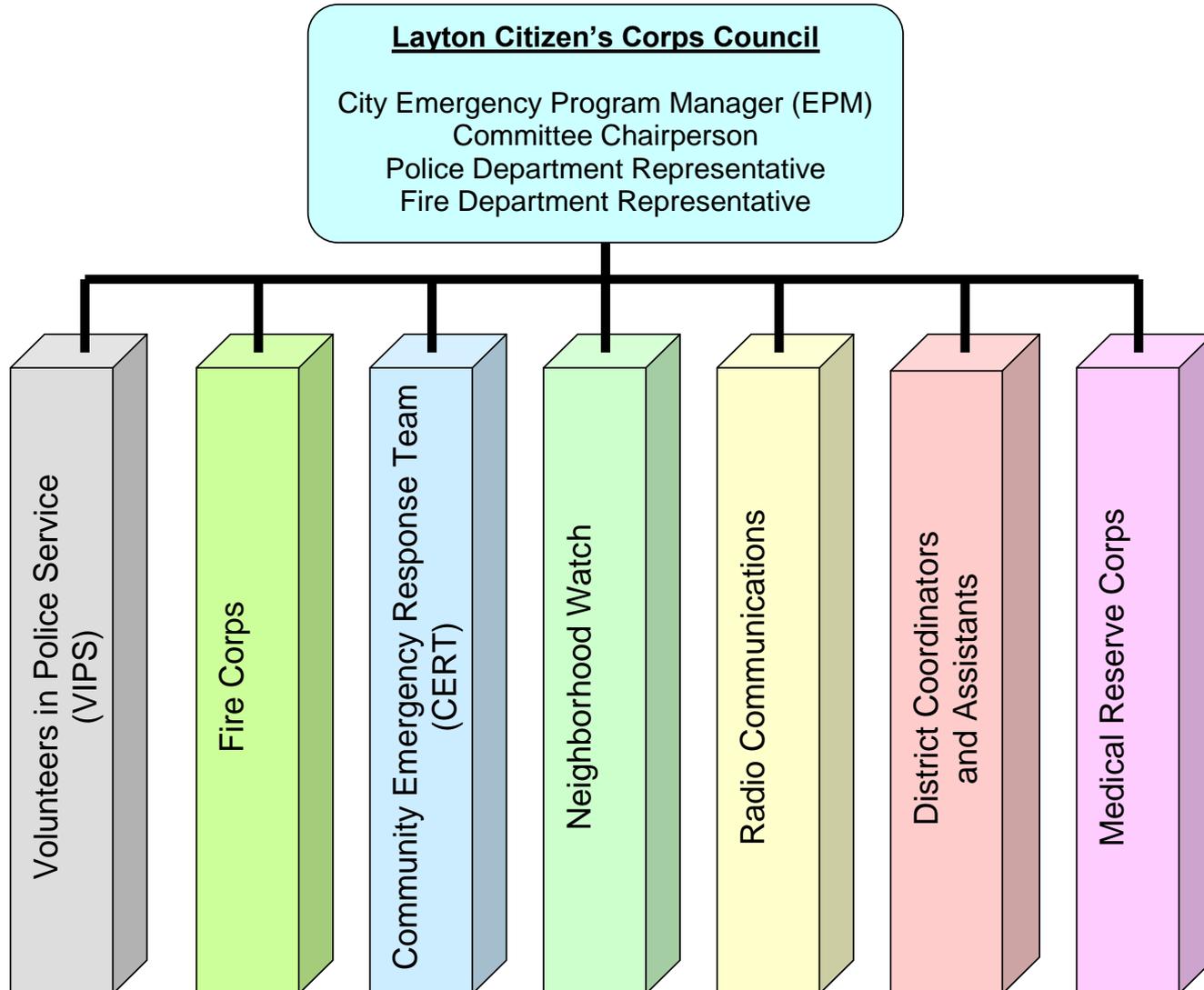


LAYTON CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL

- ◉ The community organization falls under the direction of the Layton Citizen Corps Council and the Layton City Emergency Program Manager (EPM)
- ◉ The Citizen Corps Council consists of the City's EPM, the Chairperson, a Police Department representative, a Fire Department representative, the District Coordinators/Assistants, the Communications Manager, the NBW Program Manager and the CERT Program Manager
- ◉ The Davis County Health Department is responsible for the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), and medical personnel in the district boundaries are encouraged to participate
- ◉ Additional Citizen Corps pillar programs include the Fire Corps and the Volunteers in Police Service.



LAYTON PILLAR PROGRAMS





LAYTON COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

- Layton is divided into geographical districts, areas and neighborhoods for the purpose of citizens planning for and responding to and recovering from an emergency or disaster.

- Districts, areas and neighborhoods implement and coordinate:
 1. Emergency preparedness readiness plans
 2. Emergency communications plans
 3. CERT teams
 4. Neighborhood Watch (“USA on Watch”)
 5. Other volunteer programs as desired to address other neighborhood issues at a “grass roots” level.



GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES

- ◉ **Districts**
 - LDS Stake Boundaries, 12 in Layton, plus 2 partials from Clearfield and Kaysville
 - Use same name as LDS Stakes

- ◉ **Areas**
 - LDS Ward Boundaries, usually 6 to 8 per District
 - Use same name as LDS Ward

- ◉ **Neighborhoods, usually 3 to 6 per Area**
 - Use name of street, or some other landmark to identify the neighborhood

- ◉ **Blocks, usually 4 to 7 per Neighborhood**
 - Homes should have good view of each other in Block. Typically 6-8 homes per Block



WHY ARE LDS BOUNDARIES USED?

- ◉ They are already established and recognized by many citizens in Layton
- ◉ There is no need to “Reinvent the Wheel”
- ◉ They are evenly distributed throughout the City



VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY LEADERS

- ◉ Leaders serve all citizens within the District boundaries regardless of race, religion, age, disabilities, sex, color or national origin

- ◉ District Coordinator and Assistant
 - Appointed by Layton City

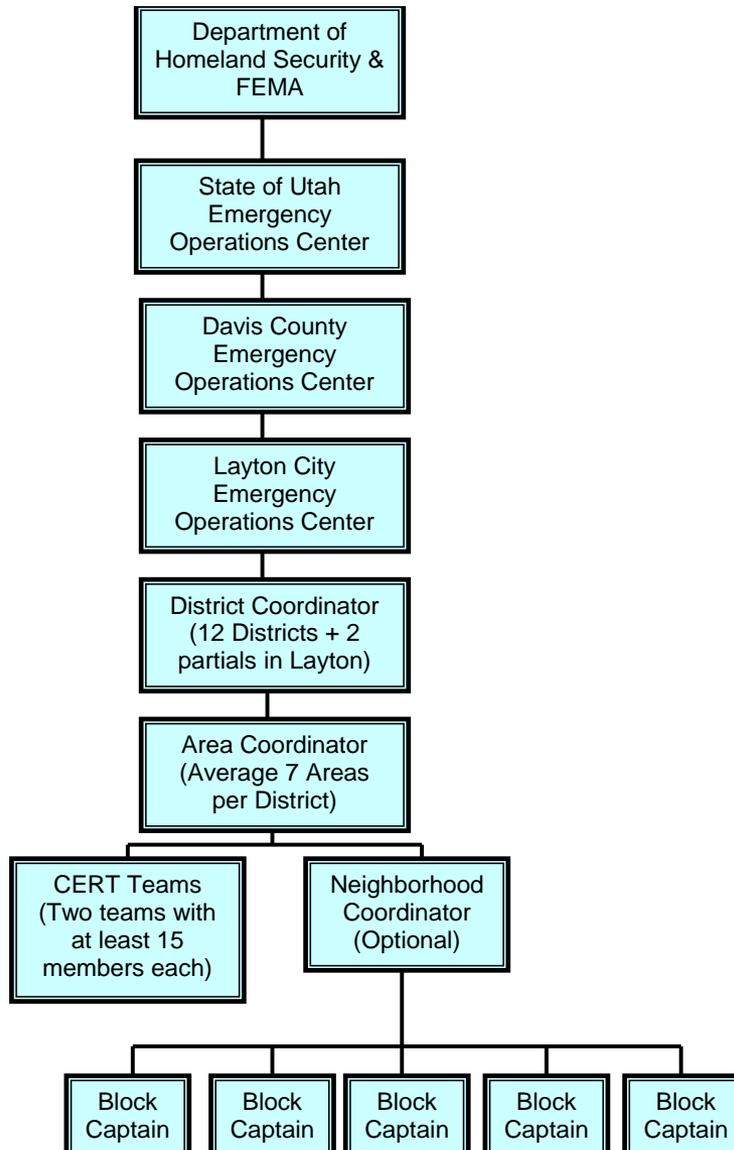
- ◉ Area Coordinator and Assistant
 - Appointed by the District Coordinator

- ◉ Neighborhood Coordinator and Assistant
 - Appointed by the Area Coordinator

- ◉ Block Captain and Assistant
 - Appointed by the Area Coordinator



DISTRICT - AREAS - NEIGHBORHOODS - BLOCKS





LAYTON HAZARDS

- Chemical Spill
- Winter Storm
- Winds
- Flooding
- Earthquake
- Landslide / Debris Flow
- Terrorism
- Fire
- Fallen Aircraft
- Pandemic

April, 1983 – Home under construction falls to heavy winds.



April, 1983 – Windstorm topples old trees on Whitesides Street





Heavy snow downs trees at Layton Commons Park

Mudslide following heavy rains takes out a home



1984 – Valley View mudslide

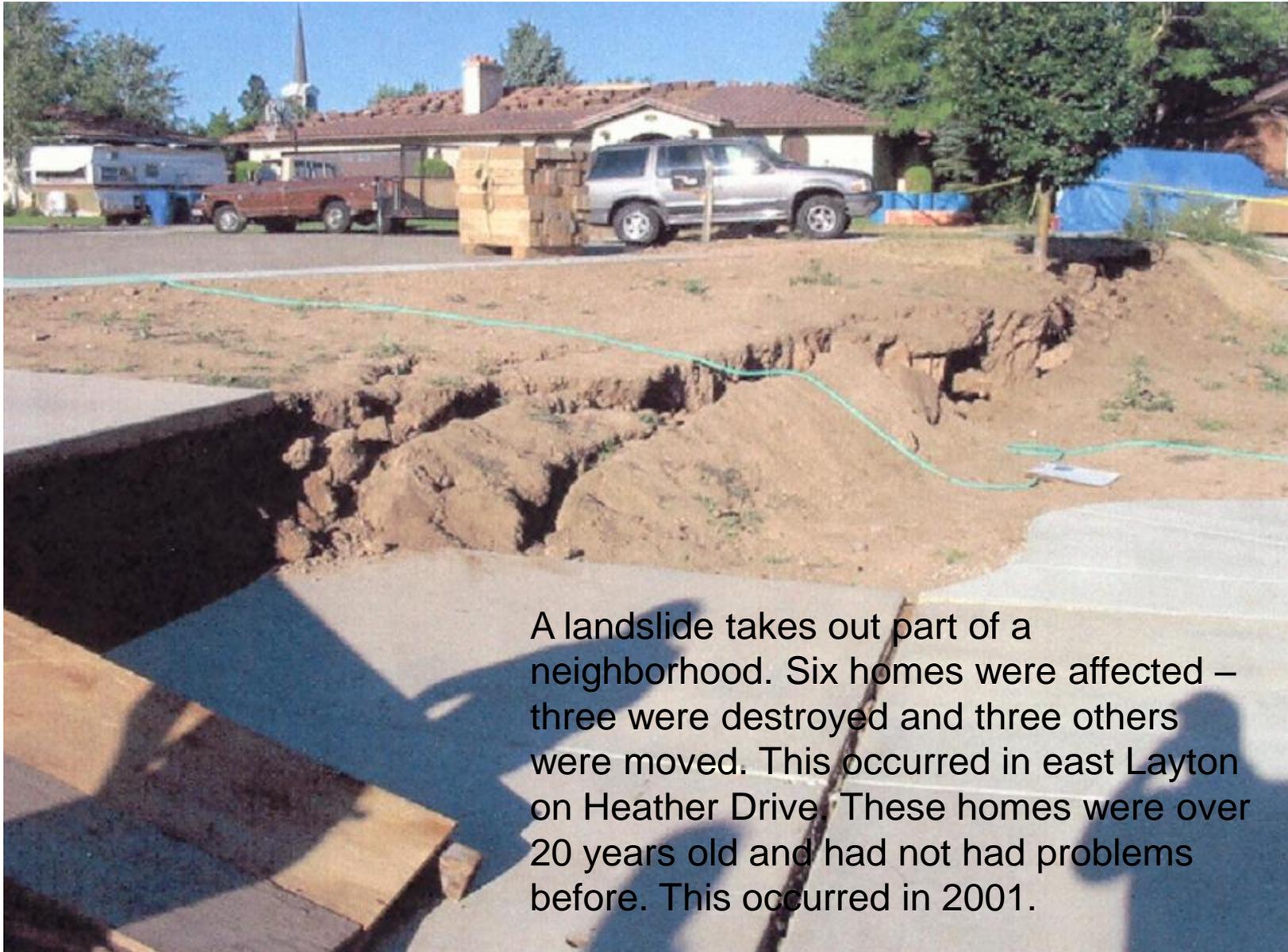


September 14, 2006 – Snow Canyon fire extinguished by a miracle rainstorm.



September 14, 2006 – More Snow Canyon Fire





A landslide takes out part of a neighborhood. Six homes were affected – three were destroyed and three others were moved. This occurred in east Layton on Heather Drive. These homes were over 20 years old and had not had problems before. This occurred in 2001.



A home on Heather Drive affected by the landslide. - 2001



AREA COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◉ Coordinate volunteer activities within area boundaries
- ◉ Receive training provided by the District Coordinator and the Citizen Corps Council
- ◉ Maintain and distribute an updated map of all citizens living within the area
- ◉ Promote family and individual preparedness within the area
- ◉ Divide your area into 3 to 6 Neighborhoods, each with 4 to 7 Blocks; host initial meeting with Neighborhoods and Blocks to help them understand their purpose; appoint and train Neighborhood Coordinators and Block Captains and Assistants.



AREA COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Direct Block Captains to survey citizens and prepare in advance an inventory of resources and special needs within each neighborhood; coordinate this information with the District Coordinator
- Become CERT trained and encourage, coordinate and track CERT training and team organization within the area; Layton City encourages each area to have at least 30 CERT trained citizens who can be divided into at least two teams to perform triage, emergency first aid, and rapid assessment as soon as possible after an event occurs



AREA COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◉ Assist in emergency drills -planning and execution
- ◉ Promote and coordinate CERT and Emergency Communications programs in your Area.
- ◉ Promote and coordinate Neighborhood Watch presentations in your Area.
- ◉ Encourage those with medical training to become part of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- ◉ Other programs that may be useful include:
 - Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS)
 - Fire Corps
- ◉ Share information on Community Resources with Block Captains



AREA COORDINATOR RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◉ Serve as a communications link between the District Coordinator and Neighborhood Coordinators prior to and during emergencies
- ◉ Function during an emergency as guided by your District Coordinator
- ◉ Coordinate with faith-based and other organizations active in your area
- ◉ Serve as a resource to Neighborhood Coordinators and Block Captains



CERT DEFINITIONS

- **CERT Member** - CERT members are at least 18 years old, have registered as CERT volunteers with Layton City, and have successfully attended and participated in the 8 basic CERT modules taught by qualified instructors in the areas of disaster preparedness, fire suppression, first-aid, light search and rescue, team building, disaster psychology, terrorism, followed by a simulated mock disaster.
- Layton's CERT program members are involved at two levels:
 - **Level 1** - CERT members who desire only to provide assistance to their own families and neighbors in the event of a disaster.
 - **Level 2** - CERT members who desire additional volunteer involvement in community activities such as crowd control at City events, CERT training opportunities, medical reserves, neighborhood watch, etc., in addition to assisting their families and neighbors in the event of a disaster.



EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

- ◉ During a major emergency, it is highly probable that land based and cell telephone services will be interrupted.
- ◉ Area coordinators should plan for alternate communications between neighborhoods, areas, the district and Layton City.
 - Runners carrying written messages or “BOBs” (Boys on Bikes)
 - Amateur (Ham) Radio
 - FRS or GMRS Radio
- ◉ Contact the Volunteer Amateur Radio Coordinator, Michael Groves at 801 547-1307 or mike@grovesnet.org for assistance



AVAILABLE RESOURCES

- ◉ Pamphlets and handouts
- ◉ www.laytoncity.org
- ◉ www.citizencorps.gov
- ◉ www.ready.gov
- ◉ www.bereadyutah.gov
- ◉ www.fema.gov(on-line courses)
- ◉ www.usaonwatch.org