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DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Year End Report 2022

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SALT LAKE COUNTY ENTITIES



Salt Lake County Division of Emergency Management

The Salt Lake County Division of Emergency Management (SLCo EM) is a division that is unique to Unified Fire Authority created in partnership with Salt Lake County Government in 2004 upon the separation of UFA from Salt Lake County to become a special service district.

The Salt Lake County Division of Emergency Management works to solidify and strengthen all the relationships within the Salt Lake Valley—with local, state and federal coordination being a key priority. Working with all entities and jurisdictions within the valley allows us to create a more robust and stronger response to all emergent and ongoing incidents within the county, as well as assisting and coordinating response and recovery efforts within affected areas.

2022 was a year of a return to more “normal” operations as compared to that last few years, such as 2020. Lessons learned from 2020 are still being digested and changes made for Salt Lake County Emergency Management. In 2022 the division had six enhanced watch activations, three level III activations and two level II activations. The number of activations is average as compared to the last five years, the Salt Lake County Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) and the Emergency Management staff have continued to support our partners such as the Salt Lake County Health Department with activities related not only to COVID-19 but other smaller outbreaks of M-Pox and Ebola. In addition, the Salt Lake County ECC and staff received visits from the U.S. Fire Administrator Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell and from the U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg.

The Salt Lake County Emergency Management staff continues to perform at a very high level while returning to this more “normal” pace. Providing leadership, partnership and support to departments and divisions within Salt Lake County government, our municipalities, state and federal partners whenever and wherever requested. Examples would include returning to the focus of the successful completion of the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack grant program, conducting a



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number of workshops and exercises with our municipalities centering around the new draft comprehensive emergency management plan, the launch of a new Salt Lake County Emergency Management website, and a dramatic expansion of training programs, specifically those centered around National Incident Management System (NIMS) compliance for our municipal partners and training for municipal level elected and appointed leadership.

I continue to be extremely proud of the Salt Lake County Emergency Management program and above all the people that make it successful. I cannot overstate the professionalism, experience, and quality of the Salt Lake County Emergency Management staff. They are the reason for the continued success and growth of our division. We will continue to look for better ways to assist the citizens of Salt Lake County. Our highly qualified team is dedicated and strives to help our citizen meet their emergency management needs. Thank you for taking time to learn more about the Salt Lake County Division of Emergency Management. We look forward to continuing to serve our citizens in 2023 and invite you to take a few moments to review the following document and share in our accomplishments of 2022.

Clint Mecham
Director
Division Chief

Salt Lake County Emergency Management 2022 Oganizational Chart



Vision and Mission of Salt Lake County Emergency Management

The vision of Salt Lake County Emergency Management gives us an end-goal which we are continually striving to attain. The vision statement of Salt Lake County EM is: **A whole community approach to create a safer, less vulnerable and more resilient Salt Lake County.**

The mission of Salt Lake County Emergency Management is what drives us. It is the guideline to the end-goal of the vision statement, allowing benchmarks to be continually monitored and allows us to fashion our strategic plan for the Division of Emergency Management.

The mission statement of Salt Lake County Emergency Management is: **The Salt Lake County Division of Emergency Management serves our citizens by directing and coordinating resources for disasters and emergencies through prevention, preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.**

5 Pillars of Emergency Management

Salt Lake County Emergency Management's five main areas of responsibility are: Prevention, Preparedness, Mitigation, Response, and Recovery. We focus our training and responses on these foundations in addition to other trainings and responsibilities.

1

PREVENTION: Actions taken to avoid an incident or prevent it from occurring.

2

PREPAREDNESS: increase a community's ability to respond when a disaster occurs, includes planning, training, and educational activities for events that cannot be mitigated.

3

MITIGATION: Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.

4

RESPONSE: Protect our citizens, residents, visitors and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations and way of life to thrive.

5

RECOVERY: Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening, and revitalization of infrastructure, housing and sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.



What is an Emergency Operations Center or an Emergency Coordination Center?

An **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) or an Emergency Coordination Center (ECC)**: is the physical location where the coordination of information and resources to support incident management (on-scene operations) activities, normally takes place. An ECC/EOC may be a temporary facility or may be located in a more central or permanently established facility, perhaps at a higher level of organization within a jurisdiction. EOCs may be organized by major functional disciplines such as: fire, law enforcement, medical services, volunteers, red cross, information management, by jurisdiction such as: federal, state, regional, county, city, township, tribal, or by some combination thereof.

The ECC/EOC operates with the guidance of an **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)**. An ongoing plan for responding to a wide variety of potential hazards. A CEMP describes how people and property will be protected; details

who is responsible for carrying out specific actions; identifies the personnel, equipment, facilities, supplies, and other resources available; and outlines how all actions will be coordinated.

The ECC/EOC responds to an emergency or an incident by activating their **Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)**: within Salt Lake County EM ECC. ESFs provide the structure for coordinating interagency support for a response to an incident. They are mechanisms for grouping functions most frequently used to provide federal support to states and federal-to-federal support, both for declared disasters and emergencies under the Stafford Act and for non-Stafford Act incidents. There are currently 15 Emergency Support Functions within SLCo's CEMP.



Accomplishments / Activations

- ◆ Fox 13 Interview with EM on weather monitoring – **January 5**
- ◆ Supported Women in Fire Service Conference – **February 2022**
- ◆ Site Visits to Ultra Music Festival, Miami, Florida – **February - March**
- ◆ Site Visit to International Boat Show, Miami, Florida – **March**
- ◆ Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Exercise, City of Miami – **March**
- ◆ Calle Ocho Cuban Festival, Large Event Planning, City of Miami – **March**
- ◆ New Unified Fire Authority Fire Chief Dom Burchett – **April 2**
- ◆ Great Utah ShakeOut – **April 21**
- ◆ Hired Salt Lake County Emergency Management Associate Director, Tara Behunin
- ◆ Supported Senator Hatch’s Funeral Service – **May 6**
- ◆ Salvation Army’s National Donut Day – **June 3, 2022**
- ◆ New Salt Lake County Emergency Management website launched – **June**
- ◆ Secretary Transportation, Pete Buttigieg Visit – **July 29**
- ◆ Hired new Logistics Captain, Nate Kay
- ◆ Hired new Municipal Emergency Management Planner – Brad Jewett
- ◆ Utah Task Force 1 Deployment to Florida for Hurricane Ian – **September/October**
- ◆ Staffed “Get Freaky” Event at Saltaire – **October**
- ◆ Completed multi-year grant for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks Planning - CCTA – **October**
- ◆ New Branding Guide – **July – November**
- ◆ Valley-wide Table-top Exercise for CEMP, Shelter and PODs – **November**
- ◆ 5000 training hours delivered in 2022
- ◆ Assisted Salt Lake County Clerk with 2022 Election process
- ◆ Juvare / WebEOC Valley-wide training – **Ongoing**
- ◆ Strategic Planning Meeting with the Emergency Management team and Salt Lake County government public works, mayor’s office and internal emergency management – **November 30**
- ◆ The Town of Brighton and Metro Townships adopted a Communications Plan for their municipalities.
- ◆ Working with the MSD to develop a possible MSD EOC and guidelines on representing the Metro Townships and the Town of Brighton to the ECC.
- ◆ Supplied all Holladay City employees with 144-hour kits (35 total)
- ◆ Three Salt Lake County Emergency Management team members completed and received their UAV (drone) pilot certifications.
- ◆ Operations Officer wrote the first ever Utah Fire Service EMAC Mobilization Guide adopted as the official plan/guide for all Utah fire service EMAC trainings and deployments.
- ◆ Operations Officer invited to serve on the Intermountain Center for Domestic Preparedness (ICDP) Advisory Board.
- ◆ Operations Officer Earned Master Exercise Practitioner Program (MEPP) Certification.
- ◆ The intern program had 2 participants. Projects completed: ECC security plan; review, update, and creating of sheltering distribution and evacuation of the CEMP.
- ◆ Hired Michael Yei, SLCo Internal Emergency Management Planning Manage
- ◆ Juvare EM Suite with Salt Lake County Health Department
- ◆ Completed Vulnerability Assessment of the Elections Office
- ◆ Hired Salt lake County Health Department Emergency Responder Coordinator, Michelle McGauhey
- ◆ Completion of 22 agency Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) assessments
- ◆ Completion of 2 COOP workshops for Salt Lake County internal government divisions
- ◆ Created Elections COOP for SLCo Clerks office in preparation for 2022 Election



U.S. Secretary of Transportation Visit

U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg visited Utah on July 29 to promote a new law called Promoting Resilient Operations for Transformative Efficient and Cost Saving Transportation (PROTECT) Formula Program. Utah will receive \$12 million from this program for the 2022 fiscal year, with a total of up to \$65 million over the next five years to improve the state’s transportation system. While Buttigieg was in Utah, he toured the Parleys Canyon burn scar from the fire in 2021. Buttigieg also participated in a panel discussion with Salt Lake County Mayor Jenny Wilson, Unified Fire Chief Dom Burchett, local emergency managers, and local firefighters.



The Joint Information Center Functional Exercise tested capabilities of the Salt Lake County Joint Information Center and gave local PIO's the opportunity to practice a real life scenario.



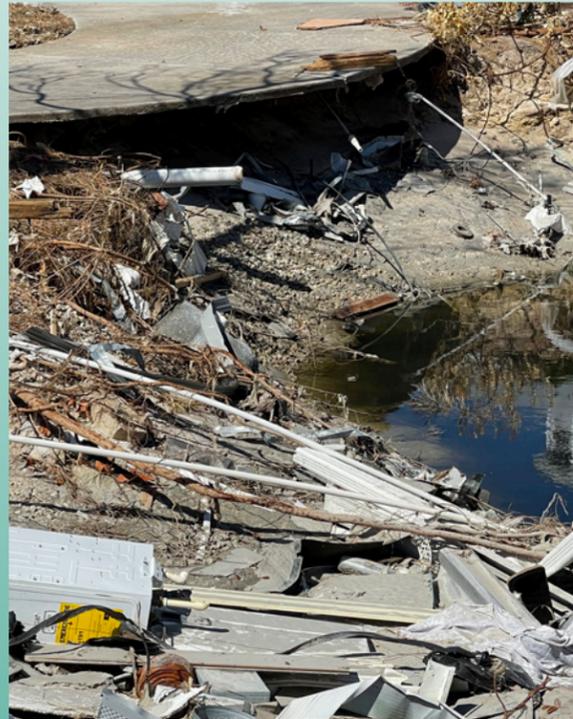
City of Miami performing a casualty collection area during an active shooter exercise. SLCo EM Planning visited Miami Dade Fire & Rescue during this exercise as a part of SLCo's Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) grant program.



Utah Task Force 1 Deployment to Hurricane Ian



Chief Mecham & Captain Keith Bevan deployed to assist with the Hurricane Ian Response

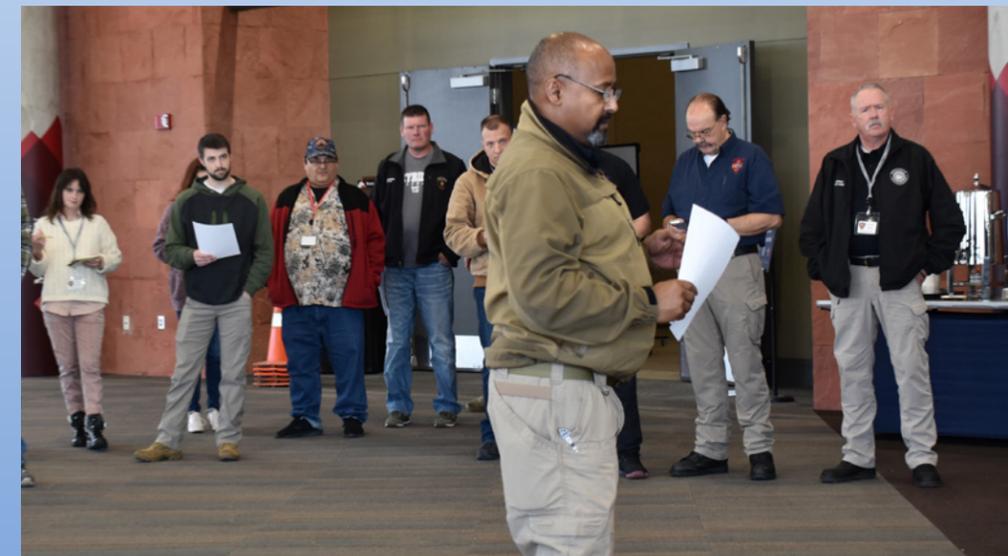
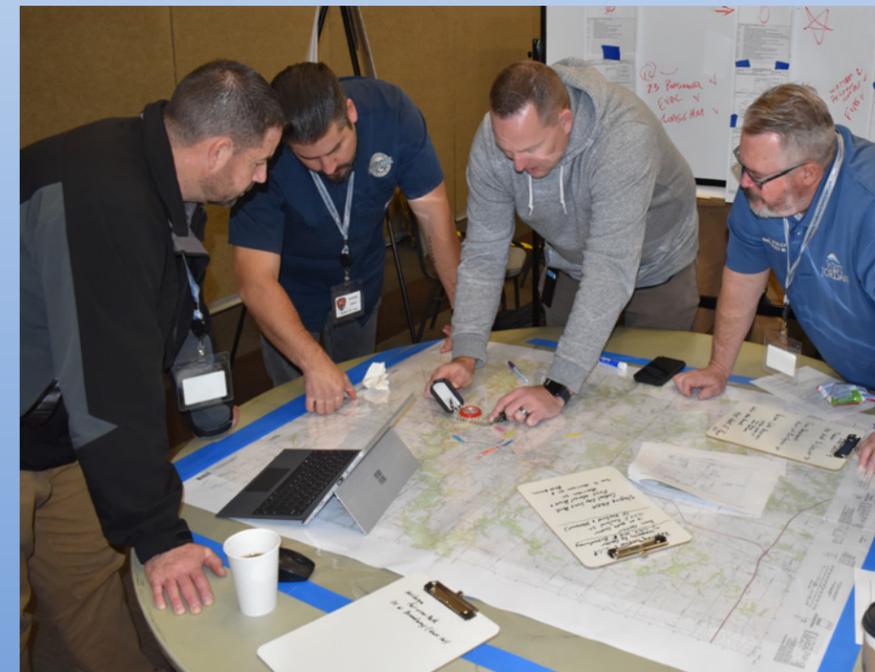




SLCo Emergency Management in coordination with Utah Division of Emergency Management, hosted the 2022 All Hazards Incident Management Team Academy



The AHIMT Academy provided courses covering Planning, Logistics and Finance Section Chiefs and Situational Unit Leader. Students represented 22 entities and agencies.



NIMS Overview for Senior Officials



CEMP tabletop exercise tested newly implemented Ju-vare WEBEOC system and the CEMP.

Utah PIO Conference 2022



SLCo EM's PIO, Tina Brown, served as the PIO Association President in 2022 and presented on IPAWS



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 2022

Conferences:

- ◆ ESRI Conference – July 11-15
- ◆ Utah Public Information Officer Association Annual Conference – September 12-14, 2022
- ◆ AHIMT Conference, Grand Junction, CO – September
- ◆ Local Emergency Planning Committee Conference – November 14
- ◆ Utah Emergency Management Association Annual Conference – November 15-16



Activations/
Enhanced Watch:

- ◆ Supported the 2022 Women in The Fire Service Conference with the U.S. National Fire Administrator in attendance
- ◆ Senator Hatch's Funeral Service – May 6
- ◆ Weather – Red Flag – June 18
- ◆ Supported Salt Lake City Fire Department's 5 Alarm Apartment Fire (1,000 Evacuated) – June 28
- ◆ SCOTUS Decision – June 24
- ◆ Holladay severe weather response – July 13
- ◆ Midvale Rail tanker derailment
- ◆ Kearns water outage
- ◆ Fireworks and extreme weather – July 2
- ◆ Secretary Transportation, Pete Buttigieg Visit – July 29
- ◆ Herriman SWAT situation – November 20

Emergency Coordination
Center Tours:

- ◆ U.S. Fire Administrator – Dr. Lori Moore-Merrell
- ◆ Women Fire Chiefs
- ◆ West Jordan Mayor and City Manager and city executive staff
- ◆ Representative Claire Collard
- ◆ Davis County Councilmembers
- ◆ Utah National Guard Command Staff

Booths/Events:

- ◆ Millcreek Preparedness Fair – March 31
- ◆ Holladay Preparedness Fair – October 8
- ◆ Midvale Preparedness Fair – November 30-December 1

Classes/Trainings/Exercises/Workshops:

- ◆ IPAWS Training for Municipal PIOs – **February 23**
- ◆ Terrorism Liaison Course – **February**
- ◆ Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Workshop – **March 31**
- ◆ Division Chief/Emergency Manager, taught 402 class to Sandy officials – **April 12**
- ◆ UTNG Training – **May 13**
- ◆ Division Chief/Emergency Manager taught 402 class to Midvale officials
- ◆ Division Chief/Emergency Manager taught 402 class to Cottonwood Heights officials
- ◆ Joint Information Center Functional Exercise for Salt Lake County PIOs – **May 12**
- ◆ Lead the pre-season EMAC and NEMAS training for all participating Utah-based fire agencies – **May-June**
- ◆ Holladay City Earthquake/Evacuation Drill – **April 14**
- ◆ Rocky Mountain Power’s Public Safety Power Shutoff Exercise – **April 27**
- ◆ Holladay City tabletop for Independence Day event – **June 23**
- ◆ Incident Command System 300 – **July 12-14**
- ◆ Incident Command System 400 – **July 18-19**
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- ◆ Sport Event Risk Management – **July**
- ◆ Enhanced Sport and Large Event Management – **July**
- ◆ Basic Public Information Officer G-290 – **August 3-4**
- ◆ Incident Command System 300 – **August 29-31**
- ◆ Incident Command System 400 – **September 1-2**
- ◆ Incident Command System 300 – **September 26-28**
- ◆ Incident Command System 400 – **October 5-6**
- ◆ Presented at the Utah State Treasurer Training Academy – **October 10**
- ◆ Division Chief/Emergency Manager taught 402 class to MSDs – **October 22**
- ◆ Incident Command System 300 – **October 2-28**
- ◆ Facilitated and Lead new statewide WebEOC system onboarding trainings – **September - ongoing**
- ◆ Holladay City CPR first aid, Stop the bleed course – **September**
- ◆ Holladay City CERT course – **September 17 and October 1**
- ◆ Basic Public Information Officer L 105 Course – **September 27-29**
- ◆ Midvale City Tabletop Harvest Days – **August 2**
- ◆ Incident Command System 400 – **November 7-8**
- ◆ Salt Lake County Emergency Management Emergency Support Function 13 Law Enforcement Training – **November 8**
- ◆ Salt Lake County Emergency Management Health and Human Services Branch Training – **November 8**
- ◆ Salt Lake County Emergency Management Emergency Support Function Public Safety Branch Training – **November 9**
- ◆ Salt Lake County Local Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan Tabletop Exercise – **November 10**
- ◆ Operations Officer presented on Utah Fire Service EMAC at the Utah Emergency Management Association Annual Conference – **November 16**
- ◆ Holladay City Active Shooter drill – **November 17**
- ◆ Division Chief/Emergency Manager, taught 402 class to MSDs – **November 19**
- ◆ Midvale City CPR/First Aid training public works – **December 15**
- ◆ All Hazards Incident Management Team Academy – **December 12-16**
- ◆ MSD CPR-First Aid Training – **December 28 – every other Wednesday**
- ◆ Taught Holladay City ICS 100, 200, 700, 800
- ◆ Taught Midvale City ICS 100, 200, 700, 800
- ◆ Holladay City Faith Based Emergency Management Workshop
- ◆ Salt Lake County Government COOP Town Halls – **October through December**

Salt Lake County Emergency Management

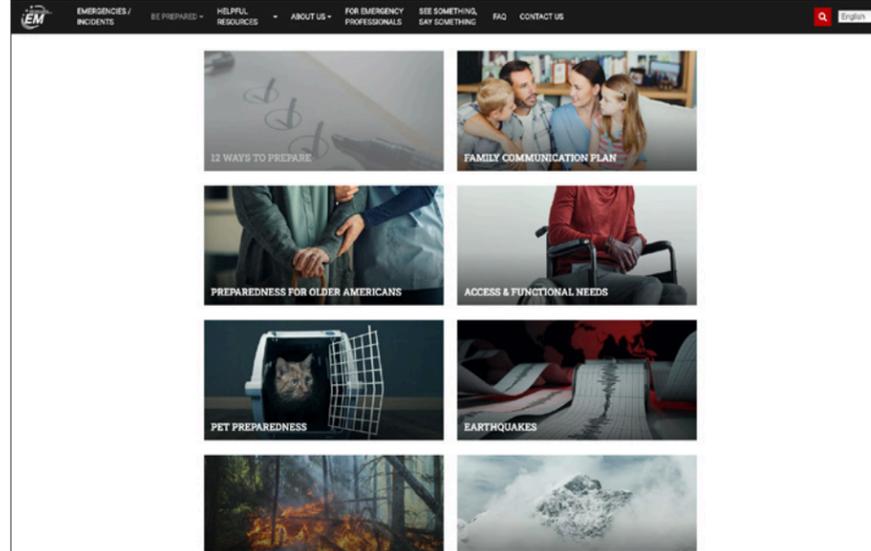
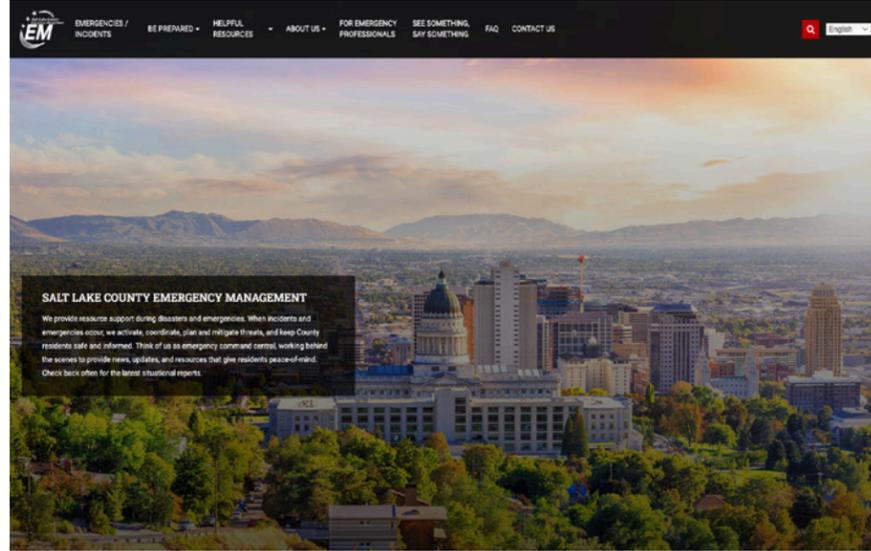
BY THE NUMBERS

- 14** Total Staff
- 11.3k** Twitter Followers
- 2.5k** Facebook Followers
- 758** Instagram Followers
- 5000 hrs** Classes and Trainings Taught
- 24** Municipalities we Serve
- 125** Salt Lake County National Weather Alerts
- 117** Cottonwood Canyons Road Notifications
- 258** Lightning Alerts
- 109** Hazardous Spill Notifications
- 1** New Salt Lake County Emergency Management website
- \$366,982** Grant Dollars

CURRENT AND ONGOING PROJECTS

Salt Lake County Emergency Management's New Website

In 2022 Salt Lake County Emergency Management underwent a full website redesign. The new website, sloem.org, was launched in June and is optimized for smartphones and tablets and features new and updated imagery, preparedness information for all hazards, local emergency information, and a full calendar of classes and trainings better public access and awareness and better partner access.



SLCOEM Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack (CCTA) Exercise Series:

In 2022 SLCoEM Planning/Intelligence Section successfully fulfilled all milestones necessary to satisfy the FEMA requirements of the Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attack Grant performance period.

Grants

SHSP for county-wide projects (THIRA, EOC N.Q.S. training program, Shelter kits, and Rescue Task Force.) \$366,982.00. These projects were identified and prioritized within the Grants Council, which has representation from cities and townships.

EMPG Emergency Management Performance Grant-\$150,000.00. This grant supports internal SLCo EM program.

CURRENT AND ONGOING PROJECTS

All Hazards Incident Management Team Academy:



The big training lift of the Salt Lake County Emergency Management team in 2022 was seeing the successful execution of the Utah All Hazards Incident Management Team (AHIMT) Academy in December. The academy featured four position-specific courses taught by national-level subject matter experts in planning, logistics, and finance. The academy benefitted students from out of state, as well as local and state government emergency management representatives. This training effort increases the readiness of county and state officials, improves partnerships, and sharpens the skillsets of the emergency management community.

Salvation Army's Annual Donut Day:

Donut Day began as a fundraiser in Chicago by the Salvation Army in 1938 to help those in need during the great depression and to recognize the work of the "lassies" or the donut dollies who provided donuts to support the troops on the frontlines in WWI. The service of providing donuts to servicemen continued into World War II. Eighty years later the Salvation Army continues to provide donuts to "hometown heroes" on National Donut Day which usually takes place the first Friday in June.

Usually on Donut Day the Salvation Army will provide donuts to veterans, local fire fighters, police officers and Gold Cross Ambulance employees. In 2020 the Salvation Army expanded their appreciation to those behind the scenes that don't get enough credit and support such as: Veteran's hospital staff, Sheriff's Office staff, Emergency Management staff, Police, Fire and Emergency Services employees.

The Salvation Army handed out a plethora of donuts to the staff at Salt Lake County Emergency Management and Unified Fire Authority to show their appreciation.

Local Emergency Planning Committee:

The focus of the Salt Lake County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) for 2022 was to regain engagement in the post-pandemic response season. As the LEPC had returned to the drawing board in 2019 to better align with local government ordinance (2.26), most of the activities and efforts this year focused on re-engaging partners and ensuring policies are up to date. The committee navigated various challenges of fulfilling county ordinance-required stakeholder positions on the committee. The committee met throughout the year, with the primary focus being on the re-creation of the by-laws, which were formally adopted in August. Various local hazardous materials incidents were reported to the group. Salt Lake County Emergency Management provided a Thank You brunch to LEPC members in December for their patience and support in the effort.

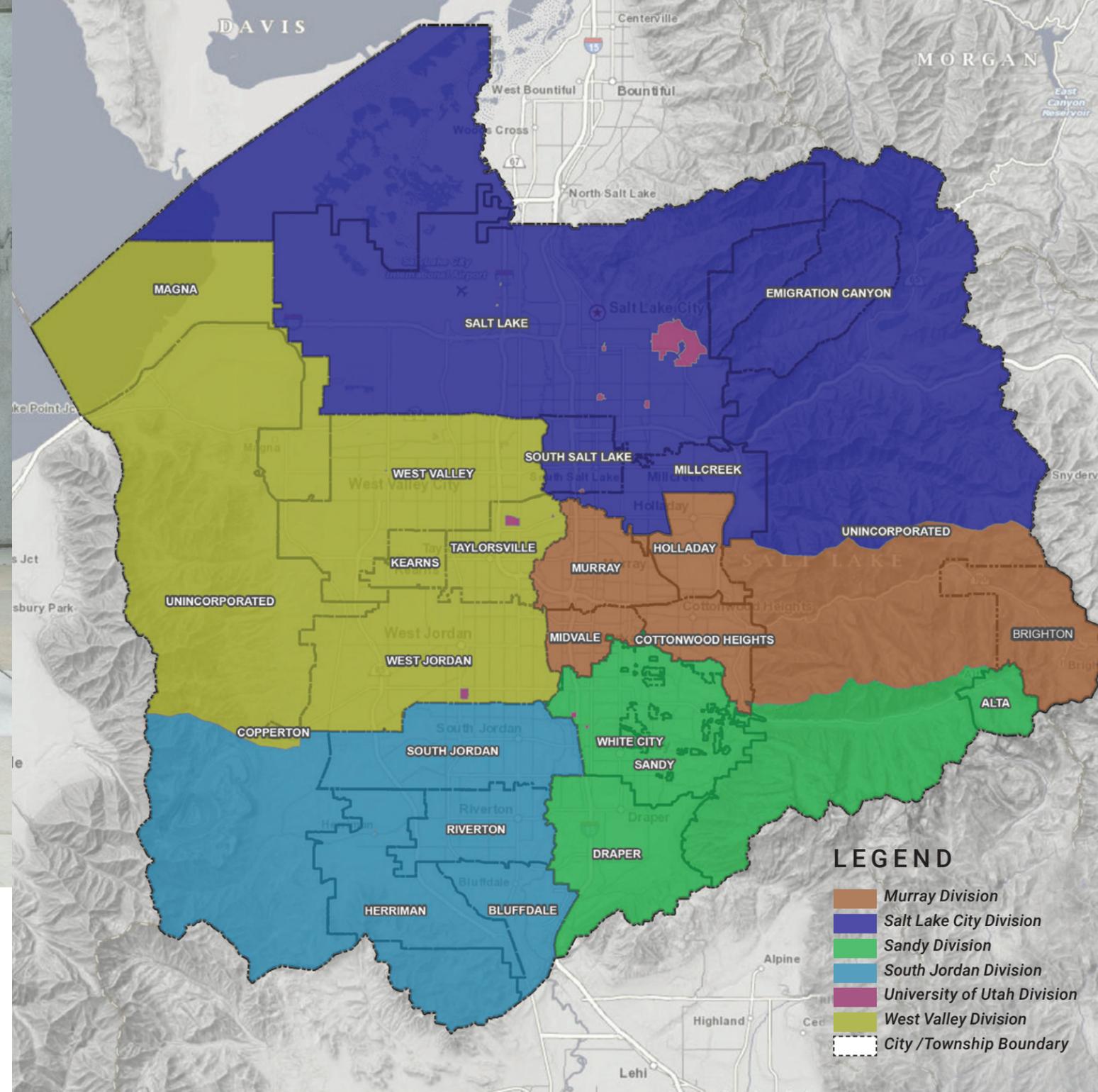
The priorities of the LEPC for 2023 include the formal adoption of the Emergency Response Plan, increasing training opportunities for LEPC members and industry partners, and further outreach and communication to community members.





Salt Lake County Emergency Management Team

Left to Right: Chet Ellis, Scott McNeil, Tara Behunin, Clint Mecham, Tina Brown, Val Greensides, Sheldon Baumgartner, Becca Weis, Keith Bevan



Salt Lake County
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DIVISION MAP