

The WATCHful Eye

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Layton City's Chaplain Corps

Layton City has five volunteer chaplains that assist the Police and Fire Departments with victims and witnesses of crime, accidents and other critical incidents. They provide counseling and emotional support. The program has been in place for two years. The chaplains are from various religious institutions within the city. They are on-call, rotating each week who responds to incidents. Additionally, they may ride along with officers and are a resource for the departments' personnel.

The chaplains are: Pastor Henry Hatch from New Harvest Community Church; Pastor Don Barebo, Mountain View Baptist Church, retired; Chaplain Kurt Hering from Trinity Lutheran Church; Chaplain Kyung Cha from the Bethany Korean Baptist Church; and Chaplain Ryan Furniss from the LDS Church.



Chaplains from left to right: Hering, Barebo, Hatch, Furniss and Cha

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New Watch Groups

Welcome to the following area(s):

***YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COULD BE HERE!!
GET TRAINED BY E-MAILING -
neighborhoodwatch@laytoncity.org
-or-
BY PHONE MESSAGE -
336-3535***

WANT TO SERVE YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Layton City Citizen Corps Council as well as the individual programs have openings for volunteers. We currently are looking for the following:

- Assistant to NBW Coordinator**
- Volunteers in Police Service**
- Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator & Volunteers**
- Fire Corps Coordinator**

You can serve by calling the Layton City Center VISTA office, that's Volunteers In Service To America, at 336-3827 or the VIPS office at 336-3535 and find out more.

**Layton Citizen Corps Council
Monthly Trainings**

When: 4th Tuesday of every month, except July & December
 Time: 7:00 p.m.
 Where: Lower Training Room, Layton City Center
 For: **All** district, area and neighborhood coordinators, block captains and all citizen's who are interested.

**THIS TRAINING PROVIDES
VALUABLE INFORMATION**



What is Amateur Radio When It Comes to Disasters?

by Mike Groves

The question often gets asked, “What’s the purpose of using Amateur Radio during emergencies and disasters?” The answer to that is twofold.

First, the technology and equipment allows for communication in nearly every situation. Long after the phone lines are helplessly jammed and cell towers have lost power, Amateur Radio can be used to get priority messages through. The majority of the equipment is owned by the individual operators and with over 250 licensed Amateur Radio operators currently living within the boundaries of Layton city, there’s bound to be a significant resource of radio power at any given time.

The second reason involves the training and discipline that ham operators go through to be ready for emergency situations. Most amateurs strive to be *trained* and *skilled* communicators. The emergency management community recognizes these two key words when talking about the Amateur Radio Service. Amateurs use these skills to help their served agencies pass vital information quickly and efficiently, even if they do not understand the terminology. Without proper training, the frequencies involved would quickly become as useless as a jammed telephone system.

Walter Cronkite presents a wonderful overview of the Amateur Radio Service in action in this brief video...
http://www.arrl.org/video/amateur_radio_today.mpg

If you are interested in becoming involved with amateur radio contact Mike at mike@grovesnet.org.



CERT Training Pays Off

This is a true story from January 2008.

It was cold and wintry weather as my husband and I were on our way back from Pocatello, Idaho. We stopped at the Malad Pass rest stop in the early evening as darkness approached. I was coming back to the car when a gentleman pulled in and parked next to us. He and his wife got out of the car and started towards the restroom when my husband, Rick, noticed a flickering glow coming from under their car. Rick called them back as I got closer.

The man popped the hood of the car and the air caused the engine to burst into flames. The man had a small bottle of water and tried to squeeze it onto the flames. I ran around the car and popped our car’s trunk and got into our emergency box and grabbed the fire extinguisher. Remembering my CERT training, I pulled the pin, aimed the bottle and squeezed the trigger, making a sweeping motion across the base of the engine. The flames went out. Some of his wiring had melted, but that was all we could see. The man was speechless. He thanked us and called his son to come and get him.

My husband was surprised I had a fire extinguisher with our flares, space blanket, overalls, and tools we keep in the emergency box. I told him I put it in there because you never know when you might need one. I never really thought we would use it, but I had seen a car on fire on television and thought we should add the fire extinguisher to our supplies.

—Kat Garbett, CERT graduate



Local Youth Makes a Difference

Jessie, a 7-year old from Layton, has advanced to the Regional PTA Reflections Contest with a submission titled, “Lights On Against Crime!!!”. Jessie, with the support of her family, organized a neighborhood event on October 19, 2007.

Jessie gathered information on how the use of lighting helps a neighborhood fight crime. She passed out an invitation to over 300 homes in her area to attend a crime prevention presentation by the Layton City Neighborhood Watch Program and issued a challenge for the neighbors to leave their lights on all weekend. Over 40 people attended the presentation and the ENTIRE neighborhood was lighted at night that weekend.

Jessie documented what she did as part of her Reflections entry. She won on a school level (Adams Elementary) and went on to place second in District. She is awaiting word of how she did in the Region.

The best part of this for Jessie is the fact that even to this day many of the neighbors are still leaving their outside lights on at night. KUDOS! Jessie for a great job.

PREPARING FOR SPRING AND SUMMER WEATHER EMERGENCIES from www.ready.gov



Tornadoes are nature's most violent storms. They can appear suddenly without warning and can be invisible until dust and debris are picked up or a funnel cloud appears. Planning and practicing specifically **how** and **where** you take shelter is a matter of survival. Be prepared to act quickly. Keep in mind that while tornadoes are more common in the Midwest, Southeast and Southwest, they can occur in any state (yes, even Utah!) and at any time of the year, making advance preparation vitally important.

Prepare for a Tornado

- Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a tornado hazard.
- A **tornado watch** means a tornado is possible in your area. You should monitor [NOAA Weather Radio](#) local radio and television news outlets for the latest developments.
- A **tornado warning** is when a tornado is actually occurring, take shelter immediately.
- Determine in advance where you will take shelter in case of a tornado warning.
- Storm cellars or basements provide the best protection.
- If underground shelter is not available, go into an interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
- In a high-rise building, go to a small interior room or hallway on the lowest floor possible.
- Stay away from windows, doors and outside walls. Go to the center of the room. Stay away from corners because they attract debris.
- A vehicle, trailer or mobile home does not provide good protection. Plan to go quickly to a building with a strong foundation, if possible.
- If shelter is not available, lie flat in a ditch or other low-lying area. Do not get under an overpass or bridge. You are safer in a low, flat location.
- Plan to stay in the shelter location until the danger has passed.
- Get a kit of [emergency supplies](#). Store it in your shelter location.
- Visit [NOAA Watch](#) for more weather-related information.

Plan to Take Shelter

- If local authorities issue a tornado warning or if you see a funnel cloud. Take shelter immediately.
- Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#),
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Flooding is the nation's most common natural disaster. Flooding can happen in every U.S. state and territory. However, all floods are not alike. Some can develop slowly during an extended period of rain, or in a warming trend following a heavy snow. Others, such as flash floods, can occur quickly, even without any visible signs of rain. Be prepared for flooding no matter where you live, but particularly if you are in a low-lying area, near water or downstream from a dam. Even a very small stream or dry creek bed can overflow and create flooding.

Prepare for Flooding

- Elevate the furnace, water heater, and electric panel in your home if you live in an area that has a high flood risk.
- Consider installing "check valves" to prevent flood water from backing up into the drains of your home.
- If feasible, construct barriers to stop floodwater from entering the building and seal walls in basements with waterproofing compounds.
- Property insurance does not typically cover flood damage. Talk to your insurance provider about your policy and consider if you need additional coverage.
- Get a kit of [emergency supplies](#) and prepare a portable kit in case you have to evacuate.
- Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify a thunderstorm hazard, including understanding the difference between a severe thunderstorm watch and a severe thunderstorm warning.
- A **flood watch** or **flash flood watch** means there is a possibility of flooding or a flash flood in your area.
- Be prepared to evacuate.
- If time allows, bring in outside furniture and move your valuables to higher places in your home.
- Unplug electrical appliances, moving them to higher levels, if possible. However, do not touch an electric appliance if you are wet or standing in water.
- If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to evacuate.
- A **flood warning** means a flood is occurring or will likely occur soon. If you are advised to evacuate do so immediately.
- A **flash flood warning** means a flash flood is occurring. Seek higher ground immediately; do not wait for instructions.

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- Watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available.
- Stay in the shelter location until the danger has passed.
- Stay Informed
- After a tornado be sure to remain out of damaged buildings and stay clear of downed power lines.
- Help injured or trapped people. Check on others who may require special assistance, such as the elderly, children and people with disabilities.
- Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#), watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available.

For more information on tornado risk areas and details on how to identify the safest place in your home to take shelter see "[Are you Ready?](#)" from the [Federal Emergency Management Agency](#). or [Disaster Safety](#) from the [Red Cross](#).



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Plan to Evacuate

- Plan how you will leave and where you will go if you are advised to evacuate. If you do not have a car, plan alternate means of evacuating.
- Plan places where your family will meet, both within and outside of your immediate neighborhood.
- Identify several places you could go in an emergency, a friend's home in another town, a motel or public shelter.
- If you have a car, keep a half tank of gas in it at all times in case you need to evacuate.
- Become familiar with alternate routes and other means of transportation out of your area.
- Take your [emergency supply kit](#).
- Lock the door behind you.
- Listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#) for information.
- Take your pets with you, but understand that only service animals may be permitted in public shelters. Plan [how you will care for your pets in an emergency](#).

If time allows:

- Call or email the "out-of-state" contact in your family communications plan.
- Tell them where you are going.
- Leave a note telling others when you left and where you are going.
- Check with neighbors who may need a ride.

- Do not walk through moving water, if possible. Look for areas where the water is not moving. What might seem like a small amount of moving water can easily knock you down.
- **Do not drive into flooded areas. If your vehicle becomes surrounded by rising water, get out quickly and move to higher ground, if possible.**

Stay Informed

- Local authorities may not immediately be able to provide information on what is happening and what you should do. However, you should listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#), watch TV, listen to the radio or check the Internet often for official news and instructions as they become available.
- If it has been raining hard for several hours or if it has been raining steadily for days there may be the potential for flooding. Use common sense and available information. If water is rising quickly or you see a moving wall of mud or debris, immediately move to higher ground.
- Stay out of flood waters, if possible. The water may be contaminated or electrically charged. However, should you find yourself trapped in your vehicle in rising water get out immediately and seek higher ground.
- Stay away from downed power lines to avoid the risk of electric shock or electrocution.
- Do not return to your home until local authorities say it is safe. Even after flood waters recede, roads may be weakened and could collapse. Buildings may be unstable, and drinking water may be contaminated. Use common sense and exercise caution.
- **Empty sandbags are available at the Layton City Public Works Shops at 1925 N. Fort Lane. Their phone number is 336-3720 or 497-8300 after hours.**

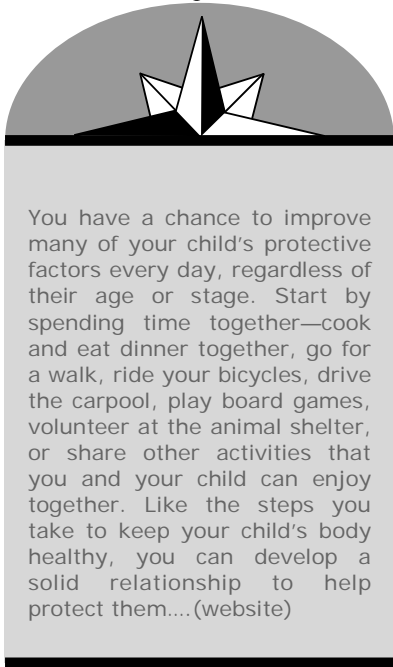
Here's Something To Think About...

Remember to make a list of vets or veterinary hospitals in other cities where you might need to temporarily shelter your pet if evacuating the area.



Good Citizenship Begins at Home

Parents and guardians bear the primary responsibility for the actions of their children. They must set good examples for their children at home and in their community, teach morals and values, provide a safe home environment, make sure that their children get a good education, direct their children into constructive activities, be involved in their children's activities, make their children responsible and accountable for their actions, etc.



Some general parenting tips are listed below:

- ▶ Talk to your children. If they don't seem to be listening, keep talking. Ask questions. And tell them you love them.
- ▶ Listen to your children. This is more important than talking. Children know you care when you listen.
- ▶ Have clear family rules. The consequences of breaking them should be clear.
- ▶ Be a good role model. Actions speak louder than words. Be the person you want your children to be.
- ▶ Discuss the consequences of tobacco, alcohol and drug use. Tobacco is addictive. Drugs alter judgment and perspective, and interfere with physical, emotional and social growth. They are also addictive.
- ▶ Know what your children are doing. Know what they do in school and after school. Know their friends. Know where they are, especially at night. Be involved in their lives.
- ▶ Educate yourself on the social and emotional needs of your children.

The website www.parentsempowered.org offers suggestions on how to obtain further information on these tips.

Parents have a huge influence in a child's life, including keeping them from becoming involved in criminal activity. Know the laws of the city, including day and night time curfews, truancy, possession of illegal substances, etc. Each Junior High and Senior High School in Layton has a School Resource Officer. Contact them at the school if needed.

(portions of this article are adapted from the San Diego Police Department)



Groups Encouraged to Recognize National Night Out Against Crime

Congratulations to Mike Sargent, for completing the "CERT Train the Trainer" course. Mike will be an essential asset to the CERT Team as a volunteer instructor.

If you would like to become a volunteer Trainer for CERT please contact Annie Quon at the Layton City at 336-3827.

Organized Neighborhood Watch Groups and Emergency Preparedness Teams are encouraged to set aside Tuesday, August 5th as the 25th Annual National Night Out. Neighborhoods are to celebrate the night with block parties, cookouts, flashlight walks and/or youth activities. This can be an inexpensive program to promote neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships in the fight for a safer nation. For more information, contact Tami at neighborhoodwatch@laytoncity.org.

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