



The WATCHful Eye

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Neighborhood Watch Program Faces a Growth Spurt

Dawn Fitzpatrick, Layton’s energetic Neighborhood Watch volunteer, advocate and mentor, is making a move to VIPS (Volunteers in Police Service). This move is indicative of a growth trend in the Layton Citizen Corps Council.

Because of the efforts of Layton’s volunteers, and under the careful care of city leaders we are proud to inform all of you that the Layton Citizen Corps Council (LCCC) and all her pillar programs are now active in our city.

The Layton Community Action Council (LCAC) took Neighborhood Watch under its wing in 1998, and the program has thrived under its watchful eye. Val Stratford, the chairman of the LCAC, and Dawn Fitzpatrick set the standard for the first of the Pillar Programs. To them and all that have served with them, Detective Chad Jones, Lt. Garret Atkin, and Officer Brady Fitzpatrick, as well as the many of you who have served to make Neighborhood Watch successful in your communities, we offer our heartfelt thanks. LCAC will continue it’s focus on Youth Court, Youth City Council and Literacy.

The good news is that many of you will remain in Neighborhood Watch. Officer Brady Fitzpatrick will remain as the Community Resource Officer and Tami Daich, will join the program as the new volunteer director. Tami is a long-term resident of Layton, having raised her family here. She has received training and is ready to go to work with your groups.

Dawn will now be serving as the civilian volunteer program coordinator for VIPS, and will be working with Sergeant Mark Chatlin, who is Layton City’s advisor over VIPS. VIPS brings new opportunities for greater service to our community. Some of these include handicap parking enforcement, working in Code Enforcement, Community Resource and the Crime Lab, as well as other opportunities within the Police Department. Future plans include a Citizen’s Patrol.

This is only a portion of what is happening. Other pillar programs of the LCCC include Fire Corps, Emergency Communications, Medical Reserve Corps, and of course, the CERT program. Most importantly, the LCCC is working to strengthen the City’s Districts, Areas, and Neighborhoods by incorporating these programs where they can be useful.

The Layton Citizen Corps Council hopes that each of you will make use of these programs. Strengthen and prepare yourselves for any contingency that may visit our city. Volunteer to help in any way you can. There is a great need for volunteers, and now there is an avenue to make a difference.

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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.



Hear Ye, Hear Ye

This will be the last issue of the Watchful Eye. Future issues will be e-mailed to you or be available at the Layton City website (laytoncity.org) on an every other month schedule. The newsletter will become the Layton City Citizen Corps Council Newsletter (or some other catchy name!)

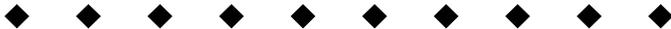
UPCOMING EVENTS



When: March 11 or March 12, 2008
Where: Layton City Fire Station 51 (West Station)
Contact: Linda Schuessler by e-mail at:
grammyzeus@aol.com or
call 366-3820 to register

Cost: \$10

Duration: 8 weeks



CERT Train the Trainer (to become an instructor)

When: February 22nd and 23rd, 2008
Where: Layton City—Main Administration Building
Contact: Paul White at pwhite@co.davis.ut.us
Lana Canter at ljcarter333@hotmail.com
Greg Sherwood at kolohegreg@gmail.com

Cost: \$10

Enrollment limited to 50 people.

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**

Community Crime Prevention Presentations

Officers from the Police Department will be conducting Crime Prevention Presentations. They will be held at local elementary schools. Topics include: protecting your home, vehicle & personal property, internet safety and identity theft. Handouts will be available to those in attendance. Information on how to form Neighborhood Watch groups will also be available. All presentations will begin at 6:30 p.m.

You may attend at ANY location, not just the one closest to your home.

- February 5th — Lincoln Elementary
- February 7th — Vae View Elementary
- February 12th — Sand Springs Elementary
- February 13th — E.G. King Elementary
- February 19th — Adams Elementary
- February 21st — Mountain View Elementary
- February 26th — Heritage Elementary
- February 28th — Crestview Elementary

For more information contact Sgt. Holden at 801-497-



Layton City Police Department 5th Annual Citizen's Academy

Potential candidates must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum age of 18 years
- Never been convicted of a felony
- Must be able to attend all weekly training sessions
- Must submit to criminal background check

When: Begins Wednesday, March 12, 2008 and ends May 28, 2008. Range will be May 31, 2008. Graduation is scheduled for City Council meeting on June 5th at 7:00 p.m.

Time: 6:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

Cost: None

Contact: Sgt. Mark Chatlin
336-3442

Registration deadline is February 29, 2008. Applications available at www.laytoncity.org

Thank You

Many thanks to the Layton Community Action Council for a wonderful 10-year association between the Council and the Neighborhood Watch Program. Many individuals over the years have been a valuable asset to the program. Special thanks to Executive Director Val Stratford for his untiring dedication to the citizen's of Layton City and to the LCAC.

10 Tips for Selecting an Electronic Security System (from www.alarm.org)

The National Burglar & Fire Alarm Association (NBFAA) recommends these steps for consumers seeking the services of a reputable and experienced burglar & fire alarm installing company. Contact the NBFAA or your state burglar and fire alarm association for a list of member companies in your area. The association's members agree to maintain a high level of conduct under its National Code of Ethics and render services at the highest level of quality.

- Call several companies. Ask them if their employees are trained and/or certified by the NBFAA.
- Ask the companies if they have appropriate state and/or local licenses, if required.
- Ask the companies if they conduct any pre-employment screening.
- Contact your local police department's Crime Prevention Department, state licensing agencies, Consumer Protection Agencies, and the Better Business Bureau.
- Ask your insurance agent, friends, family or neighbors for referrals.
- After you've narrowed the field to three or four alarm companies, ask for the name of the person who will call on you. Consider planning the appointment time when all members of your household are present.
- When he/she visits, ask to see some company identification.
- Ask each alarm company representative for an inspection, recommendation and a quote in writing. Use a checklist to compare different packages and price quotes.

To learn more about home security systems, call the NBFAA Marketing Department at (888) 447-1689.

WINTER IS REALLY HERE!



When it snows — DON'T PARK IN THE STREET.

Layton City Code 10.62.010 *prohibits* parking on the street between 1:00 a.m. and 6 a.m. during the months of December, January and February.

Additionally, parking on public streets is prohibited during all other times when the removal of snow is imminent or apparent, or when necessary, as determined by the city.

When it snows — CLEAN YOUR SIDEWALKS.

Layton City Code 12.04.060 requires all accumulations of snow, sleet or precipitation impairing safe access and use of a sidewalk be removed within 12 hours of the termination of the storm.

Know neighbors who need help? This would be a great block activity — Neighbor helping Neighbor!

*Have you seen
me lately?*



Please help keep all fire hydrants in your neighborhoods clear from the snow. Precious time can be wasted if emergency personnel have to find and dig them out before connecting to them.



Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)

Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, known by the acronym CPTED, is a new approach to crime prevention. It's more than just locks on the doors. In some communities across the nation, through CPTED criminal activity has decreased by 40 percent.¹

Three factors must be available to a criminal before a crime can occur; the desire to commit the crime, the ability to do it and the opportunity. Take one away and the rest are useless. By using the strategies of CPTED, we can design the environment to reduce the opportunity for criminal acts to occur.²

CPTED is “design that eliminates or reduces criminal behavior and at the same time encourages people to “keep an eye out” for each other.”² There are four primary strategies of CPTED.

Natural surveillance — The primary purpose of this concept is to keep possible intruders easily visible and easily noticed. One of the most effective methods is the use of adequate nighttime lighting.

Territorial Reinforcement — This is promoted by the use of design that defines property lines and distinguishes between public and private space. This is accomplished by landscaping, use of pavement designs, fences, etc. Additionally, how well a property is kept up can influence a criminal's choice.

Natural Access Control — Decreasing the criminals opportunity to commit a crime by denying access by architectural design of streets, buildings and sidewalks to discourage entry to private areas.

Target Hardening — Steps taken to prevent entry. This includes window locks, dead bolts for doors, reinforced interior door hinges, etc.

For more information on utilizing CPTED to better secure your home and neighborhood visit www.cpted-watch.com or attend a Crime Prevention presentation by the Layton City Police Dept. See the schedule on page 3 or by calling 336-3486. Get involved in a Neighborhood Watch Program. Inquires should be directed to the e-mail address: neighborhoodwatch@laytoncity.org.

¹CPTED Watch—Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design. January 29, 2008. www.cpted-watch.com.

²What Is Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)?, Crime Prevention, A Newspaper in Education Supplement to the Washington Times, October 3, 2006.

Car Seat Checks



The use of car seats is a law in children under the age of 5 in Utah. A current bill before the Utah Legislature would include children up to the age of 8 or until the child reaches 57” in height to be in an approved booster seat. Most car seats and booster seats are inaccurately installed. You can make an appointment to have your seat checked by a qualified Carseat Technician by calling the Police Department at 497-8300 or the Fire Department at 336-3940.

Additional guidelines can be found at <http://www.laytoncity.org/public/Depts/Fire/carseatsafety.aspx>.

Preparing for Winter Weather

Step 1: Get a Kit

- Prepare an emergency supply kit. A checklist is available at <http://www.ready.gov/america/downloads/checklist.pdf>. Thoroughly check and update your family's [emergency supply kit](#) before winter approaches and add the following supplies in preparation for winter weather:
- **Rock salt** to melt ice on walkways
- **Sand** to improve traction
- **Snow shovels** and other snow removal equipment.
- Also include adequate clothing and blankets to keep you warm.

Step 2: Make a Plan

- Plan to stay inside, at least for a period of time. Keep in mind that during a severe winter storm it could be hours, or even days, before emergency personnel are able to reach you.
- If you have a wood burning fire place, consider storing wood to keep you warm if winter weather knocks out your heat.
- Make sure your home is well insulated and that you have weather stripping around your doors and window sills to keep the warm air inside.
- Insulate pipes with insulation or newspapers and plastic and allow faucets to drip a little during cold weather to avoid freezing.
- Learn how to shut off water valves (in case a pipe bursts).
- Keep fire extinguishers on hand, and make sure everyone in your house knows how to use them. House fires pose an additional risk as more people turn to alternate heating sources without taking the necessary safety precautions.
- Know ahead of time what you should do to help elderly or disabled friends, neighbors or employees.
- Hire a contractor to check the structural stability of the roof to sustain unusually heavy weight from the accumulation of snow - or water, if drains on flat roofs do not work.
- If you have a car, fill the gas tank in case you have to leave. In addition, check or have a mechanic check the following items on your car:
 - Antifreeze levels - ensure they are sufficient to avoid freezing.
 - Battery and ignition system - should be in top condition and battery terminals should be clean.
 - Brakes - check for wear and fluid levels.
 - Exhaust system - check for leaks and crimped pipes and repair or replace as necessary. Carbon monoxide is deadly and usually gives no warning.
 - Fuel and air filters - replace and keep water out of the system by using additives and maintaining a full tank of gas.
 - Heater and defroster - ensure they work properly.
 - Lights and flashing hazard lights - check for serviceability.
 - Oil - check for level and weight. Heavier oils congeal more at low temperatures and do not lubricate as well.
 - Thermostat - ensure it works properly.
 - Tires - make sure the tires have adequate tread. All-weather radials are usually adequate for most winter conditions. However, some jurisdictions require that to drive on their roads, vehicles must be equipped with chains or snow tires with studs.
 - Windshield wiper equipment - repair any problems and maintain proper washer fluid level.

Step 3: Be Informed

Familiarize yourself with the terms that are used to identify winter **weather**:

- **Freezing Rain** creates a coating of ice on roads and walkways.
- **Sleet** is rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground. Sleet also causes roads to freeze and become slippery.
- **Winter Weather Advisory** means cold, ice and snow are expected.
- **Winter Storm Watch** means severe weather such as heavy snow or ice is possible in the next day or two.

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- **Winter Storm Warning** means severe winter conditions have begun or will begin very soon.
- **Blizzard Warning** means heavy snow and strong winds will produce a blinding snow, near zero visibility, deep drifts and life-threatening wind chill.
- **Frost/Freeze Warning** means below freezing temperatures are expected.
- Listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#) to stay informed of winter weather watches and warnings.

Also monitor commercial radio, television and the Internet. For a full description of what to listen for, and an explanation of different weather terms, refer to the [NWS guide](#).

During a Winter Storm

When a Winter Storm WATCH is Issued...Listen to [NOAA Weather Radio](#), local radio, and TV stations, or cable TV such as The Weather Channel for further updates.

- Be alert to changing weather conditions.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

When a Winter Storm WARNING is Issued...

- **Stay indoors** during the storm.
- If you must go outside, **several layers of lightweight clothing** will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves (or mittens) and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.
- **Walk carefully** on snowy, icy, sidewalks.

Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must...

- Carry an emergency supply kit in the trunk.
- Keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive. If your car gets stuck along the way, help can be sent along your predetermined route.
- **Eat regularly and drink ample fluids**, but avoid caffeine and alcohol.
- **Conserve fuel, if necessary**, by keeping your residence cooler than normal. Temporarily close off heat to some rooms.
- **If the pipes freeze**, remove any insulation or layers of newspapers and wrap pipes in rags. Completely open all faucets and pour hot water over the pipes, starting where they were most exposed to the cold (or where the cold was most likely to penetrate).
- **Maintain ventilation when using kerosene heaters** to avoid build-up of toxic fumes. Refuel kerosene heaters outside and keep them at least three feet from flammable objects.

If You Are Driving...

Drive only if it is absolutely necessary. If you must drive, consider the following:

- Travel in the day, don't travel alone, and keep others informed of your schedule. Stay on main roads; avoid back road short-cuts.
 - **If you get stuck...**
- Stay with your car. Do not try to walk to safety.
- Tie a brightly colored cloth (preferably red) to the antenna for rescuers to see.
- Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes won't back up in the car.
- Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen.
- As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.

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- **If a blizzard traps you in your car...**
- Pull off the highway. Turn on hazard lights and hang a distress flag from the radio antenna or window.
- Remain in your vehicle where rescuers are most likely to find you. Do not set out on foot unless you can see a building close by where you know you can take shelter. Be careful; distances are distorted by blowing snow. A building may seem close, but be too far to walk to in deep snow.
- Run the engine and heater about 10 minutes each hour to keep warm. When the engine is running, open a downwind window slightly for ventilation and periodically clear snow from the exhaust pipe. This will protect you from possible carbon monoxide poisoning.
- In extreme cold, use road maps, seat covers, and floor mats for insulation. Huddle with passengers and use your coat for a blanket.
- Take turns sleeping. One person should be awake at all times to look for rescue crews.
- Drink fluids to avoid dehydration.
- Be careful not to waste battery power. Balance electrical energy needs - the use of lights, heat, and radio - with supply.
- Turn on the inside light at night so work crews or rescuers can see you.
- If stranded in a remote area, stomp large block letters in an open area spelling out HELP or SOS and line with rocks or tree limbs to attract the attention of rescue personnel who may be surveying the area by airplane.
- Leave the car and proceed on foot - if necessary - once the blizzard passes.

Immediately After a Winter Storm

- Avoid driving and other travel until conditions have **improved**. Roads may be blocked by snow or emergency vehicles.
- **Avoid overexertion.** Heart attacks from shoveling heavy snow are a leading cause of deaths during winter.
 - Cover your mouth, keep dry and watch for signs of frostbite and hypothermia
- **Signs of frostbite:** loss of feeling and white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, ear lobes, and the tip of the nose. If symptoms are detected, get medical help immediately.
- **Signs of hypothermia:** These include uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.
 - **If symptoms of hypothermia are detected:**
 - get the victim to a warm location
 - remove wet clothing
 - put the person in dry clothing and wrap their entire body in a blanket
 - warm the center of the body first
 - give warm, non-alcoholic or non-caffeinated beverages if the victim is conscious
 - get medical help as soon as possible.
- **Follow forecasts and be prepared when venturing outside.** Major winter storms are often followed by even colder conditions.
- **Help a neighbor who may require special assistance—infants, elderly people, and people with disabilities.** Elderly people and people with disabilities may require additional assistance. People who care for them or who have large families may need additional assistance in emergency situations.

(taken from <http://www.ready.gov/america/beinformed/winter>)

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