



# HEBER CITY NEWS

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### **MAYOR'S MESSAGE** by Mayor Dave Phillips

This past week I attended a meeting of the Wasatch County Citizen Corps Council (W4C). The meeting was well attended with over 29 individuals representing various stakeholders from government, emergency responders, faith based groups, and representatives for the elderly, schools, and businesses. The W4C Chair, Mary Williams, made a huge effort to contact these individuals/groups and bring them together in a mutual effort geared towards emergency preparedness. She paid tribute to Heber City Police Chief Ed Rhoades and Sgt. Jason Bradley, among others, who have worked hard in making this program successful.

Citizen Corps Councils are made up of dedicated volunteers from the community who have realized that in the event of a large scale emergency or disaster that emergency services such as law enforcement, fire, 911, and EMS will be overwhelmed and simply will not be able to immediately help everyone in need. Citizen Corps members recognize that they can make a difference and have a role in community security and preparedness through education, training, and practice. With this education and training they can then supplement emergency services in an emergency or disaster, allowing those services to be offered to many more of our residents.

Reports were shared by Mary Williams (Chair), Larry London (Vice Chairman W4C), Trudy Brereton (MRC, and County Health), Bill Hjelm (CERT), Bryan Bresnan (VIPS), Ernie Giles (Fire), Doug Thompson (ARES), Sandy and Larry Mahoney (KTMP), Valorie Cummings (Wasatch County Emergency Mgmt), Sgt. Jason Bradley (Heber City Police), and Lt. Cory Davis (Wasatch County Sheriff's Office).

You may have heard of some of the organizations which include Citizen Emergency Response Team

(CERT), Neighborhood Watch, Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES), and Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS). Each one of these organizations assists in different emergency service functions to provide additional support to emergency services in a disaster.

To learn more about Citizen Corps Councils and emergency preparedness visit:

[www.citizencorps.utah.gov](http://www.citizencorps.utah.gov), [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov), and [www.bereadyutah.gov](http://www.bereadyutah.gov). You may also contact Sgt. Jason Bradley, Heber Police Department at: 435-654-3040, [jbradley@ci.heber.ut.us](mailto:jbradley@ci.heber.ut.us), or Mary Williams, Wasatch County Citizen Corps Chair: 435-671-2819.

I appreciate the dedication and commitment of these individuals who are preparing and training for our benefit in the event of emergencies, and/or natural disasters. More information on this will be shared in future newsletters.

### **DONATE TO THE HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Hunger affects one out of every four children in Utah. Families struggle because the food budget must often be used to fix the car, pay a higher heating bill, pay for a medical prescription or pay for other basic family needs. This holiday season you can make a difference for a family in need right here in your community. Donate non-perishable items to the Community Action Food Bank by dropping off food at **Smiths** grocery store. The food bank needs canned meats, peanut butter, cereals, pasta, spaghetti sauce, diapers, toilet paper, and other hygiene items. You can find out more or donate online at [www.CommunityActionUC.org](http://www.CommunityActionUC.org).

