

Bluffdale City Utah

Resolution No. 2006-30

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING BLUFFDALE CITY'S EMERGENCY COMMITTEE/CITIZEN CORPS COUNCIL PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Whereas, it is the goal of the City of Bluffdale, in the event of a major emergency or disaster, to save lives, prevent injury, protect property and preserve the environment, to the maximum extent possible with existing resources and under existing conditions, and

Whereas, the City of Bluffdale recognizes the need to prepare for emergencies and disasters of many different types and causes, and

Whereas, the City of Bluffdale supports the principle of emergency and disaster preparedness for the community, its businesses, families and citizens, and

Whereas, the President of the United States has established the Citizen Corps Program for the purpose of Community Preparedness at the State and local levels, as part of the USA Freedom Corps, within the Office of Domestic Preparedness of the Federal Department of Homeland Security, and

Whereas, the Governor of the State of Utah has established the Citizen Corps Program for the purpose of Community Preparedness within the State of Utah, as part of the Utah Commission on Volunteers, within the responsibilities of the Lt. Governor of Utah,

Whereas, the Community Emergency Response Team program has proven itself across America for the past twenty years to be an effective and practical means of preparing communities, businesses, families and individuals to save lives and prevent injury in the immediate time period following an emergency or disaster by caring for themselves, their neighborhoods and their communities, and

Whereas, the Community Emergency Response Team program is supported by the Federal and State Departments of Homeland Security, and is a principle initiative of the National, State and Regional Citizen Corps Councils,

Be It Therefore Resolved that the City of Bluffdale does support in principle the establishment of the Bluffdale Citizen Corps Council, for the general purpose of promoting Community Preparedness throughout the municipalities and communities of the South Salt Lake Valley and its neighboring areas, through communication, coordination and collaboration in emergency and disaster preparedness, response and recovery, through planning, training and exercise, specifically through the Community Emergency Response Team program.

Be It Also Resolved that such communication, coordination and collaboration shall include leadership from elected officials, such as the mayor, city council member, county commissioners, or the tribal government leaders;

Leadership from emergency management and from the first responder community; law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical services, and health care providers;

Leadership from any existing community substructure, such as advisory neighborhood commissions, wards, voting districts, census tracts, utilities, water and sewer districts, or other groups that represent a large cross-section of the community;

Leadership from major industries or other groups in the area, such a community leaders from educational institutions and school boards, the business community, environmental and transportation groups, including airports and utility providers, and,

Other representatives from specific segments of the community such as the elderly, minority populations, ability-challenged, non-English speakers and local media executives.

Such Resolution shall require some general responsibilities of the City of Bluffdale which shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- * Creating an action plan to involve the community in prevention, preparedness, and response activities and to mobilize the community in a large-scale event;
- * Identifying ways in which the community's volunteer resources can help meet the needs of its first responders;
- * Working with existing neighborhood leaders, or creating a neighborhood leadership structure, to design a systematic approach to educate the public and encourage Citizen Corps participation throughout the community;
- * Spearheading efforts to offer citizens new and existing volunteer opportunities, education information, and training courses to address crime terrorism, public health issues. and natural disaster risks;

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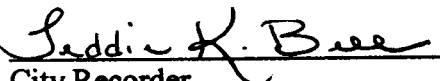
- * Recognizing all activities that promote prevention, preparedness, and response training as part of Citizen Corps and encouraging new endeavors;
- * Organizing special projects and community events to promote Citizen Corps activities, and recruiting volunteers to participate;
- * Fostering a spirit of mutual support by working with Citizen Corps Councils in neighboring communities and jurisdictions to be able to share resources in times of need;
- * Capturing innovative practices and reporting accomplishments to the state coordinator for Citizen Corps; and
- * Surveying our community to assess increased awareness and Citizen Corps participation.

PASSED ADOPTED AND APPROVED the 25th day of July, 2006.

By: 
Mayor Claudia Anderson



ATTEST:


City Recorder

Voting by the City Council:	Aye	Nay
Council Member Briggs	<u> x </u>	
Council Member Kelley		
Council Member Lord	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Council Member Maxwell	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Council Member Speed	<u> x </u>	