

If you are Prepared
I am Prepared
Community Healthcare
Partners in Preparedness

“Disasters begins locally and it
ends locally”

-FEMA

Bear River Valley Hospital

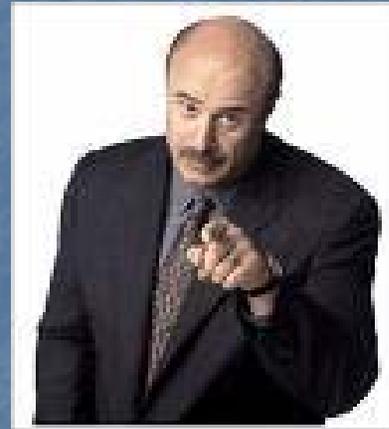


It starts with the hospital Administration



Bear River Valley Hospital

- Defining Moment
ATK



Bear River Valley Hospital

- We needed to become better partners in our community
- We need to know who we are playing with
- Self Reliant
- We can do better

We needed a Response Team



Change Policy

We changed our Decon Policy to state any patient presenting to the hospital that was involved in a chemical exposure would go through decon, even if they had been decon in the field.

The New Decon Team

- More people needed to be on the Decon team
- Clinical people are not always the best choice
- The entire staff became potential team members

Decon Team

Housekeeping

Maintenance

Physical Therapy

Medical Records

Patient Accounts

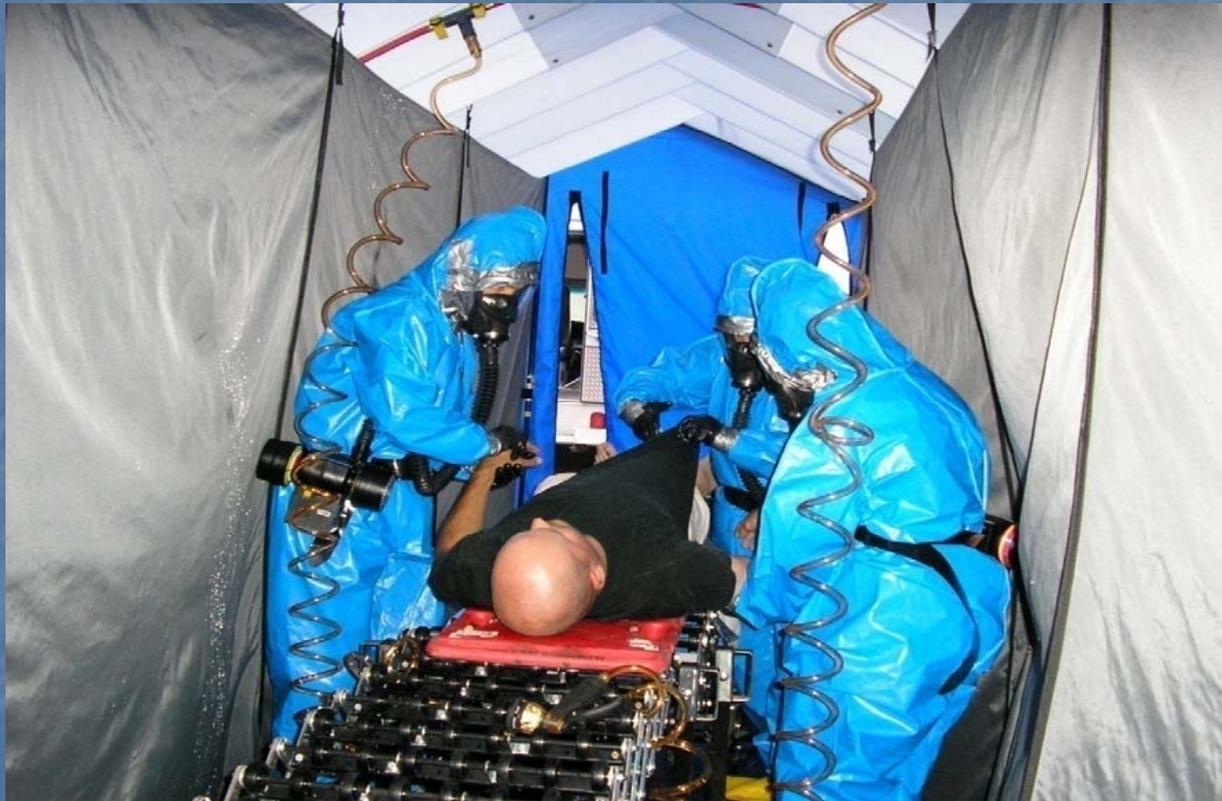
Care Center /Clinic

Administration

Learning to set up the Tent



Exercise



Exercise



From Old to New



Doing Things Differently

- Command Staff
- Sections
- Fire Drills
- Monthly Drills

Refined

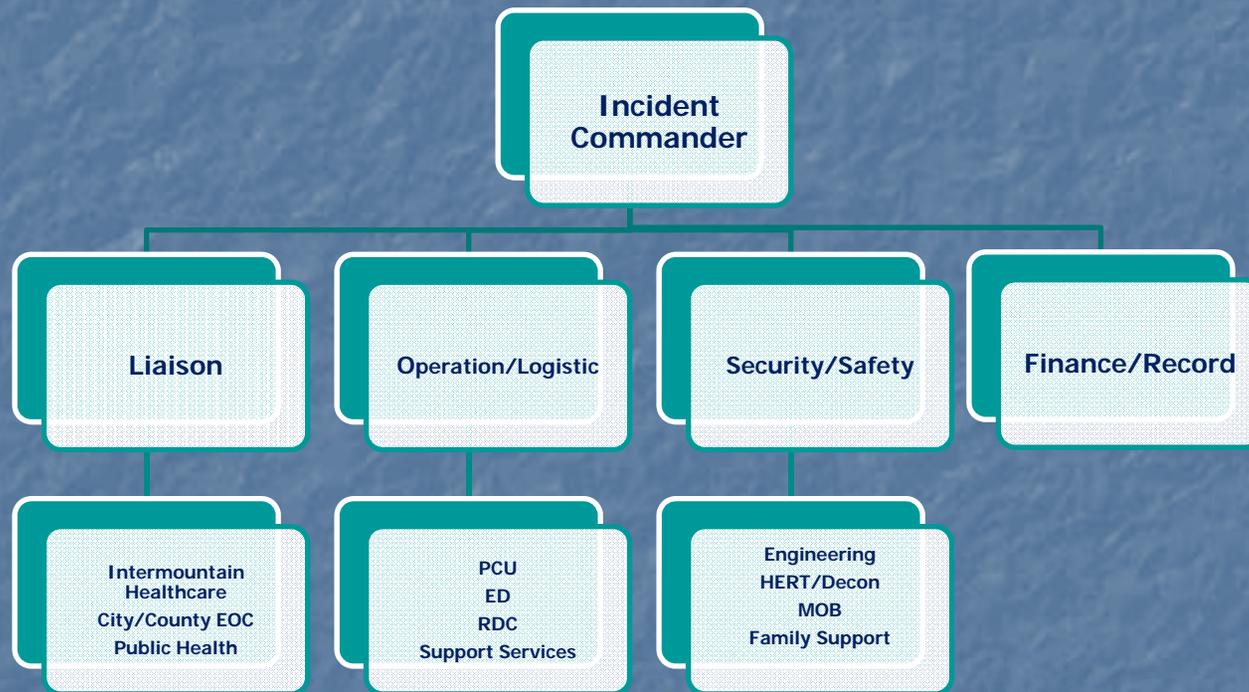
- Response Team –Command Staff



Leadership



Bear River Valley Hospital Incident Command System

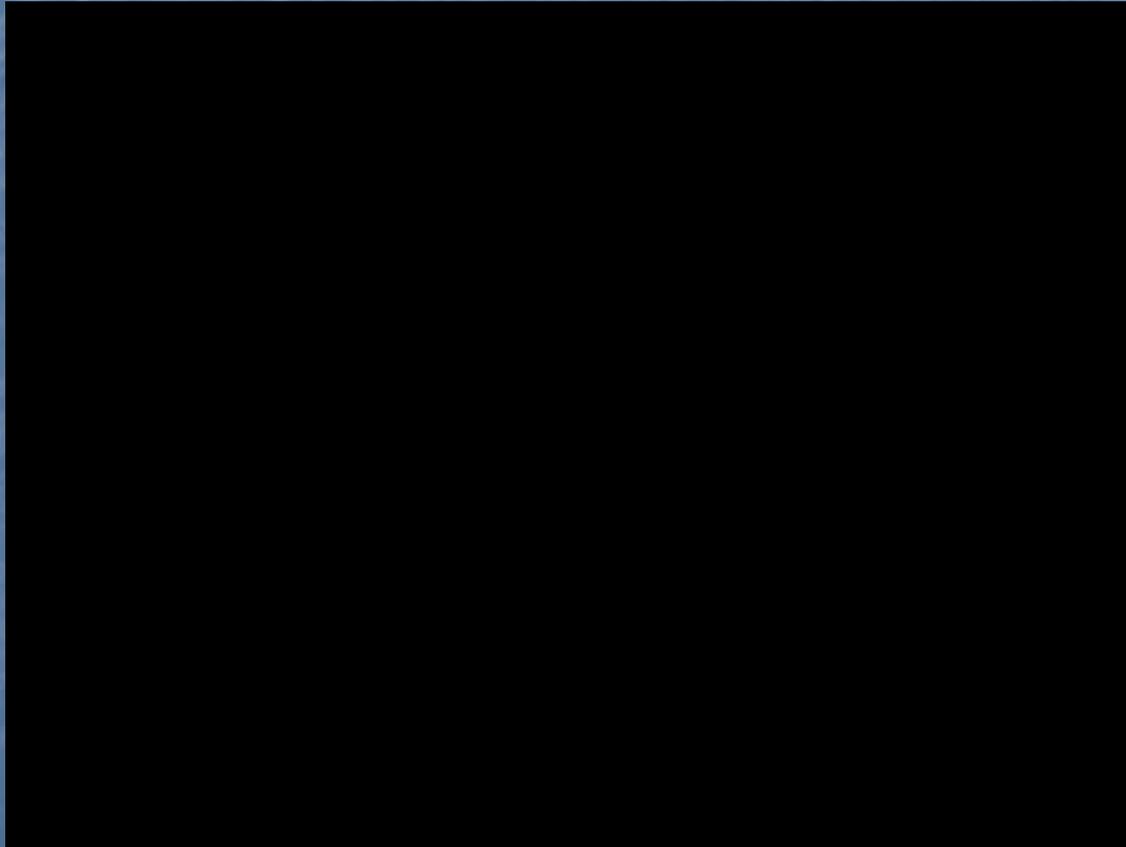


New sections

- Red Section – *PCU, L&D, Respiratory, Pharmacy*
- Blue Section – *ED, SDS, OR*
- Yellow Section - *RDC*
- Green Section - *Support Services,*
- Orange Section – *PT, MOB*
- White Section - *Administration*

Fire Drills

- Monthly Competition



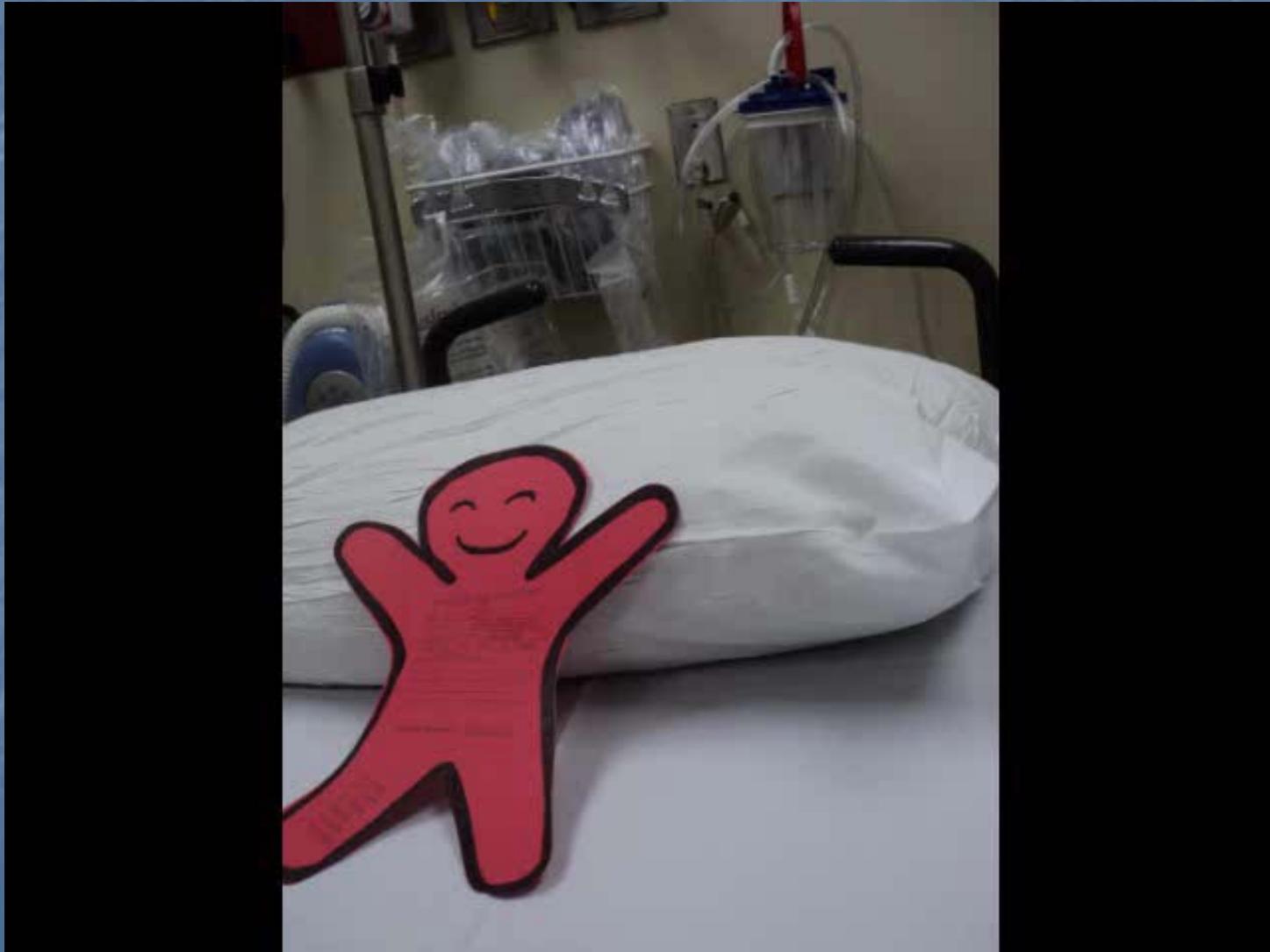
Monthly Drills

- Code Yellow
- Code Pink
- Code Evac
- Code Silver
- Code Red
- Code Disaster

Mass Casualty Planning

- We recognize we will be on our own
- We recognize there are limited resources in our area (MOU)
- We recognize we can't turn people away
- Security will be an issue

Surge



Decon to H E R T



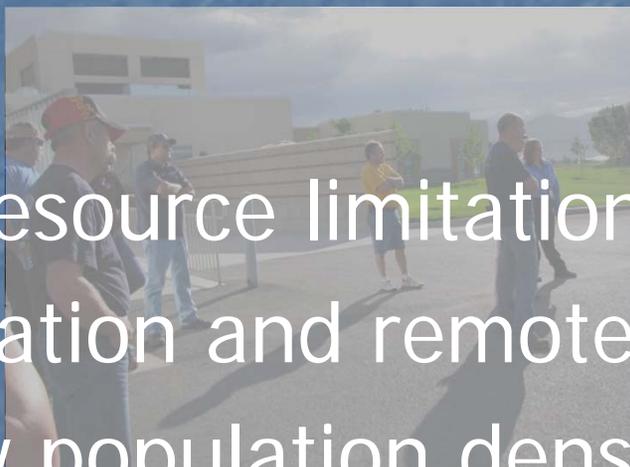
Hospital Emergency Response Team



The Challenges of Emergency Management in Rural Communities

- Less resources
- Rural emergency medical services often rely on volunteers and are less likely to have a sufficient number of ambulances and adequate life support equipment.
- There are likely to be fewer health care providers overall and, specifically, fewer specialists such as mental health professionals, infectious disease or burn care physicians.

Emergency Management Challenges



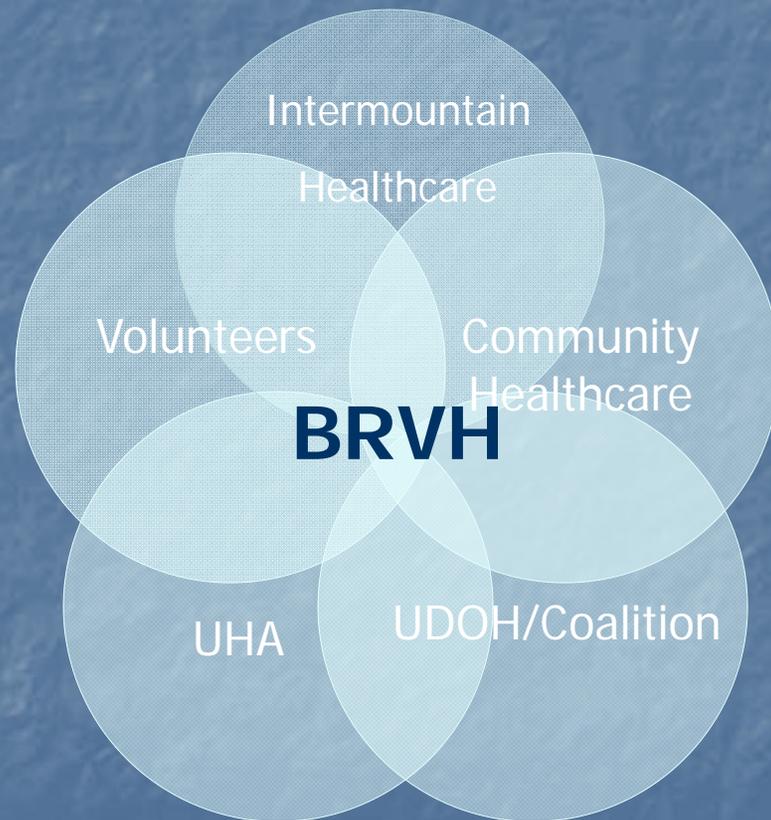
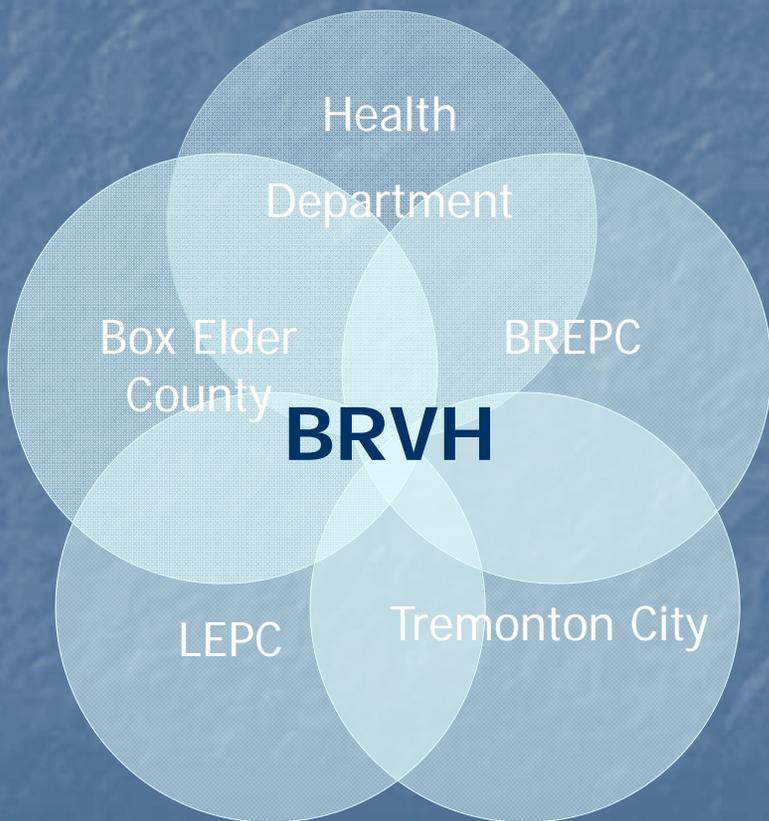
Resource limitation
Separation and remoteness
Low population density
Communication



Hospital/Community Plans

- While it is important for the hospital have an Emergency Operation Plan in place, it is just as important for the hospital plan be suited for their community

Partners



BREPC

Bear River Emergency Planning Council

- **Table Top**
- Law Enforcement
- EMS/Fire
- Health Department
- Elected Officials
- Volunteers

BREPC

Benefits

Plans

Coordination

Knowing our partners

Community Awareness



Volunteers

- Fire Department
- ARES
- MRC
- CERT
- Red Cross
- Auxiliary
- Employee Families

What do we do different?

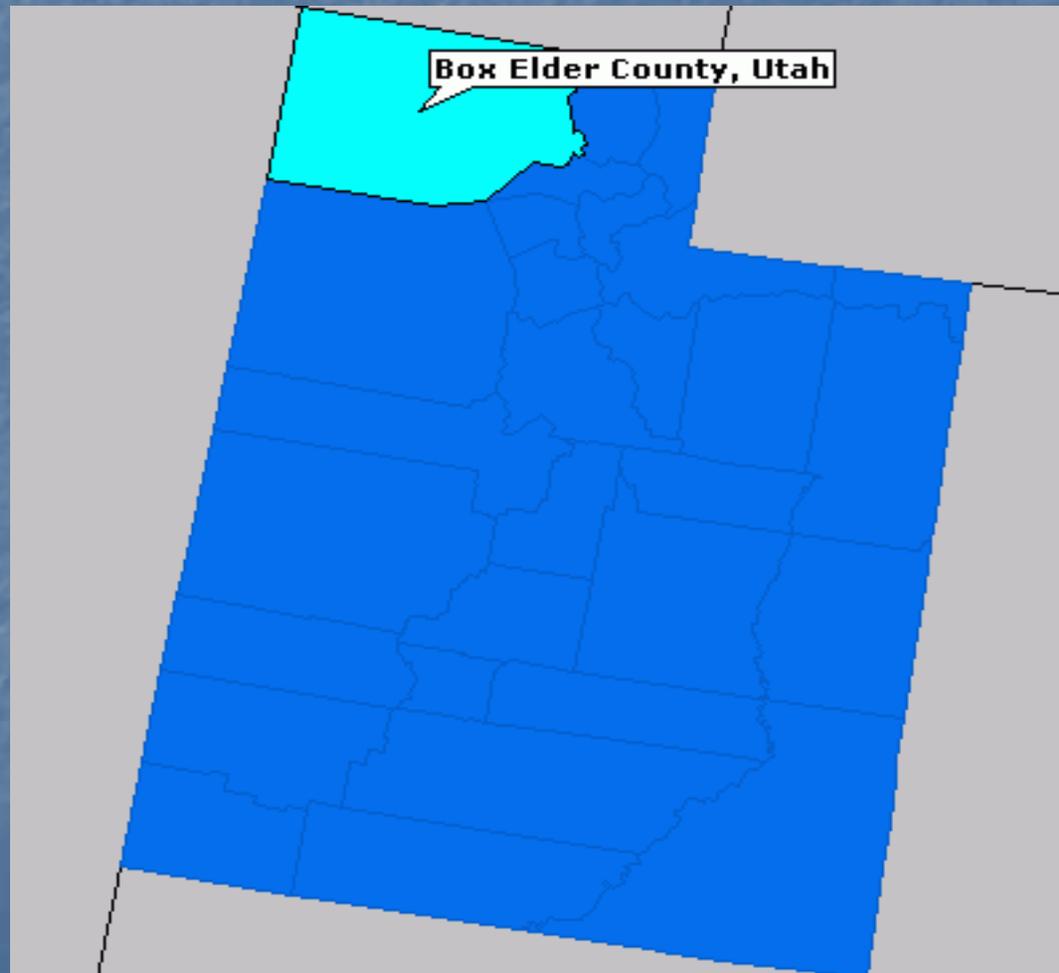
- We recognize we are on our own
- We recognize our community looks to us to be prepared
- We recognize our plans need to reflect our community
- We need to share our plans with our partners

We Can Always Do Better

Scenario

- 7.5 earthquake hit the Wasatch front at 1015 on April 17
- Damage to the Wasatch front is tremendous
- Major damage to bridges and interstate
- Tremonton City has sustained major damage including schools

Box Elder County



Box Elder County

- Population: 44,745
- Geography: 5,614 square miles
- Cities: Brigham City and Tremonton
- Farming and industry
- Fast growing area

Tremonton



BRVH

- 20 miles to nearest Level IV Hospital
- 25 miles to nearest Level III Hospital
- 50 miles to city with Trauma II Hospitals
- 90 miles to city with Trauma I Hospitals
- 90 miles to city with Burn Center

BRVH

- Level IV Trauma Center
- 16 beds
- 6 ED beds
- 6 SDS beds
- Small Cafeteria
- Small Conference Room
- MOB with 18 exam rooms

Tremonton

Tremonton EMS is reporting there are 35 people at the old LazyBoy building
Box Elder County EOC has just activated
Tremonton City has not activated, there is major damage to the city building. They are looking for a new place for the EOC.

Hospital

- 10 green victims arrives at the ED
- 4 red patients dropped off at ED

Hospital

- 5 green victims come to the ED
- EMS needs ambulances at Lazy Boy they have 4 reds, 15 yellows, they need a bus for greens

Hospital

- Need bus for 3 yellow at LazyBoy
- 5 green patients from the community arrive at the hospital

Hospital

- EMS is bringing 6 red victims from the Bus Crash
- School bus is bringing 16 green kids
- School bus bringing 10 yellow victims
- Four fatalities are brought to the hospital

Sources

- Google Images