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Listen!
And Live!**

NEW STATE COORDINATORS APPOINTED

The Utah Board of Directors appointed Vern and Jennifer Keeslar as the new State Coordinators for Utah Operation Lifesaver. Vern has served as Assistant State Coordinator for the past five years and has been a member of Utah Operation Lifesaver since 1997. Vern Keeslar is the City Manager for Providence City. He received his master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Utah in 1999 and a bachelor's of science degree in Geography/Planning and Resource Management from Brigham Young University in 1993. Vern is member of the American Institute of Certified Planners, American Planning Association, and Pi Alpha Alpha, a Public Administration and Service Honor Society. Vern also is an adjunct professor at Utah State University and a veteran of the United State Marine Corps. Jennifer is a full-time homemaker and they have four children and one on the way! Vern and Jennifer are very excited to work with all those associated with Utah Operation Lifesaver. **They can be reached by phone at 435-755-3169 or by mail at Utah Operation Lifesaver, 2440 South 800 West, Nibley, Utah 84321.**

UTAH OPERATION LIFESAVER HOLDS TRAINING AND COORDINATION MEETING

Many members of Utah Operation Lifesaver met at Ogden Union Station for a training and coordination meeting on February 23, 2005. At the meeting, many issues were discussed and goals were established for 2005. Training included information regarding the new presenters guide, completing and mailing the reporting forms, new volunteer applications, new regional boundaries, and meeting times and places.

It was determined that Utah Operation Lifesaver will meet four times in 2005. Utah OL will meet in February, May, August, and November. The corresponding meetings will be in the counties of Weber, Salt Lake, Utah, and one more county to be announced later. That county will normally be a location where current events necessitate a presence by Utah Operation Lifesaver. Meeting times will vary to allow as many members as possible to attend, including evening meetings. Future newsletters will be available on the website and be mailed out the month prior to the scheduled meeting. Utah OL is currently working on updating a master mailing list for all the regional coordinators and members of Utah OL to have for correspondence. We anticipate a copy being placed in a "members only" area of the Utah OL website. If you have any updates to your contact information, please call Vern or Jennifer Keeslar.

NEW REGIONAL BOUNDARIES ADOPTED FOR UTAH OL

Utah Operation Lifesaver has realigned and consolidated regional boundaries. Originally, there were 11 regional boundaries and usually about six regional coordinators. Therefore, at our recent training and coordination meeting, new regional boundaries were discussed and adopted. They include the following 29 counties:

Region

1. Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties
2. Davis, Morgan, and Weber Counties
3. Salt Lake and Tooele Counties
4. Daggett, Duchesne, Summit, Uintah, Utah, and Wasatch Counties
5. Carbon, Emery, Grand, Juab, Millard, Sanpete, and Sevier Counties
6. Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Washington, and Wayne Counties

Thank you to all the regional coordinators for their willingness to serve. The regional coordinators and their phone numbers are listed below:

Region

1. Kathy Bessinger – (435) 279-8130 home
2. Walt Webster – (801) 295-5633 home
3. Terri Fontaine – (801) 596-1889 home
4. Toby Bath – (801)785-1929 home
5. Vacant – Need a volunteer. Anyone interested?
6. Brian Mauldwin – (435) 867-5161 home

NEW VOLUNTEER APPLICATION FORM REQUIRED

Operation Lifesaver headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia has asked that all Utah Operation Lifesaver members fill out a new Operation Lifesaver Volunteer Application and send it to Operation Lifesaver, 1420 King Street, #401, Alexandria, VA 22314. This will allow all of our presentations to be accurately counted. Enclosed is a copy of the new volunteer application form. Please mail it in as soon as possible. Just fill it out now and send it in! Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

REQUEST FORM NEEDED FOR MATERIALS

Beverly Thrall, Materials Coordinator for Utah Operation Lifesaver has asked that all Operation Lifesaver printed material requests be accompanied with a materials request form. For your convenience, we have enclosed a copy of the materials request form. Please use this form whenever requesting material so that we have a record and inventory of Utah OL materials. This will assist us in budgeting for materials in the future.

TRAINING IN BOISE, IDAHO

Although Utah decided to hold a training and coordination meeting locally this year, Utah Operation Lifesaver members have been invited to the Region 8 Workshop in Boise, Idaho on June 20 through 23, 2005. Registration is \$85 before May 1st and \$100 after May 1st. The Red Lion Inn Downtowner in Boise is \$64 a night. For more information or to obtain a registration form, please contact Vern Keeslar at (435) 755-3169.

UTAH OL ATTENDS GRIZZLIES HOCKEY GAME

Utah Operation Lifesaver was represented at the Utah Grizzlies hockey game on February 21, 2005. Utah OL was part of a safety event for kids. The Utah Grizzlies are part of the American Hockey League and were sponsors for the event. More than 4,000 fans enjoyed the game as the Grizzlies won 2-1 in a very exciting sudden death shootout.

**Stay Off!
Stay Away!
Stay Alive!**