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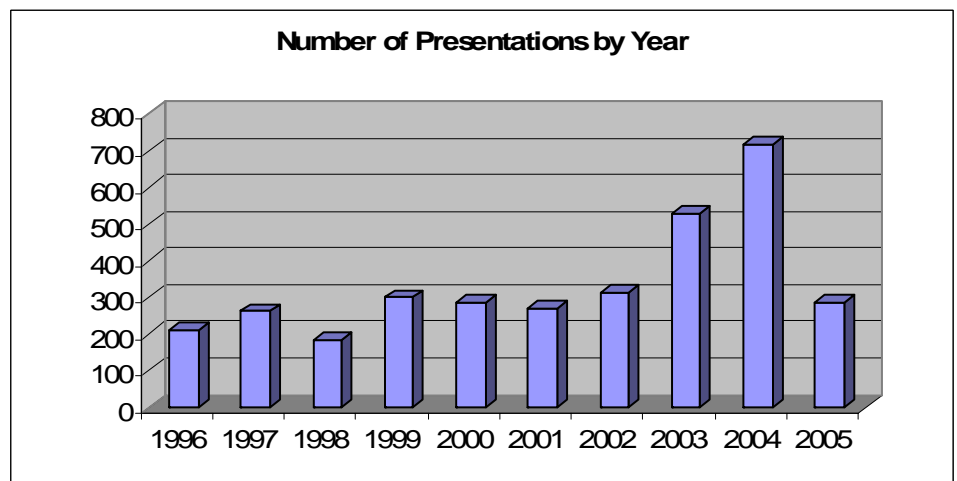
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## State Coordinator's Message

I was able to find the number of presentations that Operation Lifesaver Utah presenters gave during the last ten years. The figure below shows the number of presentation given from 1996 through 2005. Notice the significant drop in the number of presentations in 2005.



Source: Operation Lifesaver Utah Annual Reports

I have personally visited with many of you about the number of presentations that you are giving. Many of you are giving the same number of presentations that you gave during recent years, which has led me to the conclusion that the presenters are as busy as ever. However, the presentations are not being reported. Starting this past January, all presentations should be reported on the internet at [www.oli.org](http://www.oli.org), the national website for Operation Lifesaver. You will need a log-on name, password, and your certification number. Many of you know your certification numbers, but other presenters do not. In fact, some presenters are yet to be assigned certification numbers, which I am working on with the national office.

At our next few quarterly meetings, I will be showing everyone how to report the presentation on the internet. I want to reiterate the importance of reporting your presentations. It is very important to Operation Lifesaver Utah and the national office to keep accurate statistics. While the number of presentations given is not tied directly to funding, it does help to show the hard work that our presenters do. Let us all rededicate ourselves to reporting. Where performance is desired, measurement is required.

## Next OL Utah Quarterly Meeting

Utah Operation Lifesaver will meet on Wednesday, May 24, 2006 for the second quarterly meeting of the year. This meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Salt Lake Community College Miller Campus located at 9750 South 300 West, Sandy, Utah. This meeting will concentrate on reporting our Operation Lifesaver presentations and watching two new Operation Lifesaver films. Please plan on attending this important training to assist us all in learning how to report our presentations on the internet and knowing what films are available for our audiences.

## New Area Map

Included in this mailing is the new area map. The Operation Lifesaver Utah areas correspond directly to county boundaries.

## Area Coordinator Needed

Area six is still in need of a new Area Coordinator. Please contact Vern Keeslar at (801) 310-1035 if you are interested in coordinating the OL Utah events in Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Washington, and Wayne Counties.

## OL Utah Honors Four Members

Operation Lifesaver Utah recognized the top three presenters for 2005. Congratulations to Andrew Glad, Phil Lavorgna, and Walt Webster for the outstanding work in giving presentations during 2005. Also, special recognition went Jerry Hardesty for his continuous and dedicated work for Operation Lifesaver Utah as Chair of the Board of Directors.



From left to right: Vern Keeslar, Andrew Glad, Phil Lavorgna, Walt Webster, and Jerry Hardesty.

## Area Coordinators Contact Information

The area coordinators and their phone numbers are listed below. The area coordinators can schedule presentations and support presenters with materials or other Operation Lifesaver needs.

### Area

1. Kathy Bessinger – (435) 279-8130 home  
Box Elder, Cache, and Rich Counties
2. Walt Webster – (801) 295-5633 home  
Davis, Morgan, and Weber Counties
3. Terri Fontaine – (801) 596-1889 home  
Salt Lake, Summit, and Tooele Counties
4. Toby Bath – (801) 785-1929 home  
Daggett, Duchesne, Uintah, Utah, and Wasatch Counties
5. Garry Bringhurst – (435) 835-3431 home  
Carbon, Emery, Grand, Juab, Millard, Sanpete, and Sevier Counties
6. Vacant – Need Volunteer  
Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Piute, San Juan, Washington, and Wayne Counties