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Dear Layton Citizens,

Layton City adopted a community plan several years ago to maintain communications with citizens and provide assistance in the event of a major emergency or disaster. A summary of this plan is found on the last page of your Davis County telephone directory that is published by Carr Printing Co. This plan is a common sense approach to preparedness that encourages action, not reaction. This plan does not take the place of personal, family or neighborhood preparedness.

Layton City is divided into roughly 12 geographic districts. The City oversees the appointment of a District Coordinator from each District and provides training. District Coordinators appoint and train Area Coordinators and Block Captains, and determine neighborhood boundaries. Other duties of District Coordinators include:

- Identify in advance any special needs of emergency resources within the District;
- Relay needed emergency information from Block Captains and Area Coordinators to the City’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the event of a communications breakdown;
- Relay emergency instructions and information from the EOC to Area Coordinators and Block Captains;
- Ask Area Coordinators and Block Captains to provide surplus resources requested by the EOC to help other areas of the City affected by the disaster;
- Identify appropriate facilities within the District as possible emergency shelters or control centers.

District Coordinators, Area Coordinators and Block Captains are city volunteers, and coordinate their efforts with the Cert Coordinator.

Residents are encouraged to become part of their organized neighborhood group, under the direction of the appointed Block Captain. We ask that you welcome and assist your Block Captain as he/she contacts you. Please be willing to share personal information that may benefit your family in the event of an emergency. I believe that an important part of overcoming the effects of a disaster will be directly related to the trust and friendship we develop with our Block Captains and other neighbors.

We are always in need of citizens to volunteer to serve in these positions. If you would like to serve as a City volunteer, please contact Natalie Tholen, CERT Coordinator directly at 801-336-3940 or ntholen@laytoncity.org. Further information about this plan can be found by clicking the link to “Emergency Management” on the City’s website at www.laytoncity.org.

Sincerely,

Joy Petro
Layton City Mayor