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INTEREST:

- Layton City receives Fire corps award
- Survey of fire and life safety programs
- Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association Semi-Annual meeting January 15 in St. George, Utah

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# Utah Fire and Life

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## Utah Fire Corps Program of the Year Goes To Layton City Fire Corps!

*Layton City Fire Corps received the 2009 Utah Fire Corps of the Year award. What started out small has developed into a large and very helpful program. Fire Marshal Dean Hunt was asked to share how his program grew and earned the award.*

A few years ago we were having a difficult time developing a viable Fire and Life Safety Education Program in our elementary schools. We were utilizing our full-time fire companies to teach in the schools but with the call volume increasing and our staffing levels remaining the same

we found that many of the presentations were being interrupted, postponed and even cancelled. We tried to do what we could but just couldn't seem to get it to work.

While brainstorming we came up with the idea of utilizing the drama clubs from the two high schools in our city to augment with our fire companies.

We were starting a Fire Corps program to provide Rehab Services on our major incidents and thought that these students would fit into a separate function of our Fire Corps.

When Fire Prevention Specialist Doug Bitton approached the two high school drama clubs with the idea they were excited about it and literally ran

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**The Fire Corps drama club heroine posing with her elementary fans.**

## How Can We Help You?

A new year and a fresh new look at fire and life safety education; that's what the Fire and Life Safety section of the Office of the State Fire Marshal is thinking.

What are you doing in your department? What would you like to do? What are you able to do on your own? Where could you use some assistance?

Let us know by completing a short [online survey](#) right away.

# Layton City Fire Corps, cont.



The Fire Corps also raised funds and built a float for the city parade, receiving the Mayor's Choice award.

Layton City Fire Corps teaching fire safety at a local elementary school.



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Under the direction of Layton Fire Corps Volunteer Coordinator, Natalie Tholen and the two Drama Coaches, we formed two Fire Corps teams.

Scripts were written, props made, practices conducted, scripts polished and more practices conducted. In the weeks following the dress rehearsal, one team made the morning presentations and the other team the afternoon ones.

The program was presented to nearly all of the elementary schools in the city. In all, over 8500 elementary aged school children were educated in fire and life safety.

To keep them involved, our fire department companies participated in the last 10 – 15 minutes of each presentation to reinforce what the Fire Corps teams had taught them.

This program went really

well and we felt pretty good with what was being accomplished but then we started to get phone calls from numerous parents who had heard from their children about the program and they called to tell us how impressed they were with the program. Their kids were actually teaching them about fire and life safety from what they learned in school.

This got us excited about the program. We have never had such a response from the community about our education programs before. When the high school students learned of how their program impacted their audience they were even more motivated to perform and to continue the program.

This program has been a great success and will only continue to improve. The drama clubs were looking for an avenue to teach some type of safety to the elementary schools and this provided them a way to accomplish that.

This turned out to be bigger than we and the drama clubs ever envisioned it to be. I made the comment at one time regarding developing Fire Corps programs, “that we were only limited by our imaginations.” This program went beyond our imagination. In the future, I won’t limit my expectations.

## To The Point

- Layton City Fire Corps earned the 2009 Utah Fire Corps of the Year award.
- Fire Corps solved staffing and education problems by using high school drama teams to teach fire safety in elementary schools.
- Over 8,500 elementary age children (and over 60 high school age children) were taught fire and life safety messages in a short time using on-duty crews for 15 minutes, one staff person, one volunteer coordinator, and two high school drama teams.
- Parents called the fire department to commend them on their elementary program. The children were coming home excited to teach their parents about fire safety!

## Fire and Life Safety Education Association Meeting

This year's business meeting is a great opportunity to get your sprinkler box if you haven't received one already and to help direct the organization by volunteering in a leadership role. New officers will be elected and regional representatives chosen. Activities for 2010 will be scheduled.

The Association is seeking a Chairperson, First Vice-Chairperson and Second Vice Chairperson. We are also seeking regional representatives and organizational liaisons.

Utah Fire and Life Safety Education Association Meeting  
January 15, 2010 5:15 – 6:15 P.M. (followed by a networking dinner)  
Dixie Center, 1835 S Convention Center Dr, St George

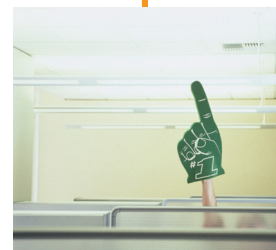
### Tentative Agenda

State Fair report	Monica Colby
Sprinkler Boxes report	Dean Hunt
Legislative report	Monica Colby
Selection of Officers	Monica Colby
Selection of Regional Representatives	Monica Colby

- By-laws
- Fire & Life Safety Education Conference in the Rockies—what role do we want to play in future conferences? How can we help educators attend this conference?
- State Fair 2010—What would we like to accomplish at this year's fair?
- Location for June 16, 2010 meeting

Adjourn for dinner and networking at nearby Haven, 1495 S Black Ridge Dr.  
(Haven will provide individual bills.)

[Google map of meeting and dinner](#)



*“Advance the professional competency of other fire and life safety educators through networking and mentoring”*  
*- Canon of Ethics for Fire and Life Safety Educators.*

## Officer Overview

### Chairperson

Represents the Association as the official spokesperson.

### First Vice Chairperson – Project Management

Manages projects and activities for the Association. Special committees may be formed to assist in specific projects and activities.

### Second Vice Chairperson – Regional Organization

Coordinates the Regional representative program for the Association.

### Liaisons

- Appointed by Chairperson to represent the Association and its needs and resources at assigned statewide organizational such as Utah Safe Kids and Utah Living With Fire

### Regional Representative

- Facilitate at least two regional meetings.
- Report activities, accomplishments and needs to the Second Vice Chairperson.
- Encourage regional organization and leadership to share resources, ideas, and, where appropriate, program management.
- Attend semi-annual Association meetings.



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Our mission is to identify, develop, and promote ways and means of protecting life and property from fire-related perils through direct action and coordination of Utah Fire Services.

*Utah Fire and Life* is an electronic newsletter dedicated to sharing information, resources, and news with the fire and life safety educators in Utah and our friends across the country.

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The Utah Office of the State Fire Marshal provides this newsletter through their Public Education efforts. Any comments and questions may be directed to Monica Colby at the contact information to the left.

## Trainings and Scholarships

### **Regional Juvenile Firesetter Train the Trainer**

Arvada, Colorado February 3, 2010, \$20 – includes lunch

[Registration and information](#)

Email [monicacolby@utah.gov](mailto:monicacolby@utah.gov) if you are in FEMA Region VIII and are interested in applying for a scholarship to reimburse your airfare, ground transportation, and registration fee.

### **F&LSE in the Rockies**

Estes Park, Colorado April 21 – 23, 2010  
\$200 [registration](#) (3<sup>rd</sup> person free)

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### **Prevention Convention**

Salt Lake City, Utah April 12 – 16, 2010

This will be a great training for anyone with wildland urban interface! [www.utahfireinfo.gov](http://www.utahfireinfo.gov)

### **Public Safety Summit**

Ogden, Utah May 18 – 20, 2010

[www.publicsafety.utah.gov](http://www.publicsafety.utah.gov)

### **NFPA World Safety Conference and Expo**

Las Vegas, Nevada June 7 – 9, 2010

Scholarships for Fire and Life Safety Educators are due March 19, 2010 [Applications](#)