

# Emergency Prep Newsletter - Draper Utah Suncrest Stake

March 2023

## March: Communications

**What is your Family Communications Plan? Have you reached out to your Neighbors and involved them?**

The first communications infrastructures to buckle under the weight of traffic in an emergency are cell phone towers. Thus, the importance of well thought out, coordinated emergency communications cannot be overly stressed with our family and neighbors.

Family Radio Service (FRS): These walkie talkies are part of the Suncrest District's backup emergency communications plan. An FCC license is not required to use these radios. They have a limited range and less power than GMRS radios, which require an FCC license (\$70 for the family; no test; lasts 10 years). HAM radios require passing an exam that costs around \$15. They can be significantly higher in cost but can communicate where there are geographic barriers (mountains). FRS and GMRS radios are line-of-sight communicators.

**Recommended FRS radio options:**

1. Midland FRS 3-pack - <https://amzn.to/3LGmb65>
2. Rugged Weatherproof - Motorola Talkabout T402 - <https://amzn.to/3LHbgxC>

**Suncrest Stake FRS radio channel assignments:**

- SunCrest 1st : Channel 9
- SunCrest 2nd : Channel 10
- SunCrest 3rd : Channel 11
- EagleCrest 1st : Channel 12
- EagleCrest 2nd : Channel 13
- EagleCrest 3rd : Channel 8
- SunCrest Command Post: Channel 14

**2 Ways to receive local communications during an emergency:**

1. Emergency Communications for Suncrest - Facebook Group Link: [SunCrest Emergency Communications | Facebook](#)
2. Be registered for Reverse 911
  - a. Salt Lake County: [www.vecc9-1-1.com](http://www.vecc9-1-1.com)
  - b. Utah County: [www.alerts.utahcounty.gov](http://www.alerts.utahcounty.gov)



## Stake Emergency Prep Calendar

*Monthly Focus*

Apr 2023 – **Block Captains**

April 4th @ 7pm – Emergency Prep Workshop “**Community Communications During a Disaster**”

Apr 20th @ 10:15am – Utah's Great Shake Out Earthquake Drill

May 2023 – **Wildfire Prep**

June 2023 – **Food Storage Part 1**

July 2023 – **Earthquake Prep**

Aug 2023 – **Water Storage**

Sept 2023 – **72 Hour Emergency Kit**

Oct 2023 – **DURING the Disaster**

Nov 2023 – **Sanitation**

Dec 2023 – **Family Emergency Plan**

Jan 2024 – **Food Storage Part 2**

Feb 2024 – **Get Trained**

### Stake Presidency Message

Our Stake is moving forward in being more prepared for natural disasters – focusing on the communications with our members and community. We urge you to prepare your family and neighbors to have a communications plan.

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## Helpful Websites - Emergency Prep

[www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org) (American Red Cross)

[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov) (Federal Emergency Management Agency)

[www.dem.utah.gov](http://www.dem.utah.gov) (Utah Division of Emergency Management)

[www.emergency.cdc.gov](http://www.emergency.cdc.gov) (Center of Disease Control and Prevention)