



MEMORANDUM

To: Members and Supporters of Lehi CERT

From: Lehi CERT Board of Directors

Date: June 10, 2026

Subject: Dissolution of Lehi CERT - New Preparedness Mission

After significant discussion and careful consideration, the Board of Directors of Lehi CERT is formally dissolving the organization known as Lehi CERT effective immediately and transitioning our leadership efforts into a broader preparedness-focused mission through Utah Preparedness Network. <https://UtahPreparednessNetwork.com>

A formal vote by the Lehi CERT Board of Directors approved the resolution, and the transition process is in effect.

This decision has not been made lightly.

For many years, dedicated volunteers have invested countless hours building and sustaining Lehi CERT. Together we organized trainings, supported community preparedness efforts, responded to rehabilitation callouts, raised funds, maintained equipment, created a nonprofit organization, held elections, conducted meetings, and worked to strengthen emergency preparedness within our community.

We are immensely proud of what we have accomplished and are grateful for every volunteer, instructor, donor, and supporter who contributed to that mission.

At the same time, we must also recognize the realities we face.

Over time, and especially since Covid, public participation and engagement in CERT activities has greatly declined. Meetings have been sparsely attended, training participation has been limited, and sustaining long-term organizational momentum has become increasingly difficult.

In addition, and perhaps most importantly, the operational environment for Lehi CERT has changed substantially. Over the past several years, the City of Lehi has been steadily withdrawing its support from Lehi CERT to the point that there is virtually no support now whatsoever. Despite numerous efforts on our part, as of this year the City has

eliminated all funding (from \$12,500 in past years to \$0 for FY2027), is no longer permitting free access to previously available meeting facilities and has withdrawn all other supportive arrangements. Therefore, it is not tenable to have a CERT program focused on assisting the City of Lehi when they no longer view our organization as a partner or deem CERT to be of any value.

For our part, we have had meetings with the Lehi city mayor and city council, the city manager and emergency management staff to try and position CERT as a valuable partner and city resource. These efforts have yielded no change or improvement in city support.

Therefore, after considerable reflection, the Lehi CERT Board believes it will be more productive and impactful to redirect our energy and effort toward a new preparedness mission that is broader and can serve communities throughout Utah rather than remaining limited to a single municipal CERT structure subject to the dictates of a single city department.

As part of the transition, the Board is pivoting to join the Utah Preparedness Network (UPN), a non-profit preparedness organization focused on public education, training, preparedness awareness, resource sharing, and community resilience in Lehi, Utah County, and throughout all of Utah.

Utah Preparedness Network will provide preparedness education and training opportunities to individuals, families, neighborhoods, faith groups, preparedness leaders, and communities across a much broader geographic area beyond Lehi. Its mission will center on helping residents become better prepared for emergencies and disasters through education, collaboration, outreach, and practical preparedness initiatives.

For our valued members of Lehi CERT, several pathways are available to you moving forward:

- Members who wish to continue active CERT participation would be encouraged and supported in affiliating with nearby CERT programs, including programs such as American Fork CERT. We highly recommend them to you. AF CERT meets at 7PM on the 4th Thursday: 96 N. Center Street, American Fork
- Members who wish to continue supporting preparedness education and outreach are invited to participate with us in the Utah Preparedness Network mission through volunteer opportunities, preparedness events, training support, educational outreach, public awareness initiatives, and future preparedness programs.

The dissolution of Lehi CERT provides that:

- CERT-specific equipment and assets will be donated to another CERT organization so they may continue serving their intended emergency preparedness purpose.
- Any remaining non-profit financial assets will be transferred in accordance with applicable non-profit regulations to another qualifying non-profit organization with a preparedness-focused mission, currently anticipated to be Utah Preparedness Network.
- Lehi CERT meetings and operations terminate effective immediately as part of the transition process. The board, the organization and the non-profit entity of Lehi CERT now cease to exist.

This transition does not represent a failure of the mission of preparedness. Rather, it reflects an effort to adapt to current realities and redirect our efforts into a model we believe can have broader long-term impact and sustainability and value to our community.

Preparedness still matters.

Community resilience still matters.

Helping individuals and families become more self-reliant, informed, and prepared for emergencies remains critically important.

We are deeply grateful to every member who has served alongside us over the years. The friendships, training, service, and dedication shown by our volunteers have made a real difference and will continue to influence preparedness efforts moving forward.

Additional information regarding the transition, volunteer opportunities, and any next steps will be shared as needed.

Thank you for your service, support, and commitment to preparedness.

Lehi CERT Board of Directors-

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