

# Cedar Mountain Fire Protection District Fundraiser Project for 2007 & Beyond

After two years of working on the first fundraiser project; the public achieved the goal and thanks to all of you, the CMFPD was able to purchase eight heart defibrillators for Cedar Mountain. It is time for a new endeavor. We are excited to announce the next fundraiser project, and we know it will benefit everyone.

The goal is to purchase and implement an **Emergency Alert System (EAS)** on Cedar Mountain with broadcast capability for the entire CMFPD District. Each resident within the District would have the capability to receive emergency alerts from the Fire Station. This would give the CMFPD another method to inform and protect property owners.

- CMFPD will purchase a programmable base station transmitting unit that would be housed at the Fire Station and controlled by the CMFPD.
- CMFPD will purchase (through the State of Utah) a private frequency from the FCC.
- Receiving radios will be available for all property owners within the District, or a radio tuned to the CMFPD frequency could be used.
- An MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) would be signed with each partnering agency allowing them a way to broadcast their emergency messages through the CMFPD EAS under the CMFPD control. Emergency alerts would be defined by the CMFPD.
- Participating agencies to be considered are as follows: Garkane, South Central Communications, local and state law enforcement, UDOT, State and US Forest Service, BLM, and National Weather.
- Types of emergencies could be defined as:
  - Fires, escapes routes and meeting locations
  - Power outage notification and explanation
  - Telephone interruption notification
  - Amber Alerts
  - Missing persons
  - Weather conditions
  - Traffic and road conditions
  - Local, regional and national emergencies
- Purchase cost projections are estimated at \$20,000 for the base station and \$20 - \$50 for residential receiving units.
- A demonstration of this system will be available at our fundraisers beginning June 16<sup>th</sup>. An actual mock broadcast will be available for property owners to hear and see an example of the equipment.