

Introductions

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TEAM WORK



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Together Each Achieves More



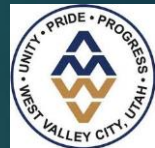




Task Force Participants



- ▶ Storm Water Agencies
- ▶ Municipal Public Works
- ▶ Police, Sheriff
- ▶ Code Enforcement
- ▶ County Flood Control
- ▶ Municipal Attorneys and Prosecutors
- ▶ Utah Department of Agriculture & Food
- ▶ Local Planning and Zoning
- ▶ Utah Division of Occupational Licensing
- ▶ Utah Adult Protective Services
- ▶ Sewer Districts



Task Force—It's A Team Thing

- ▶ Health Department
 - ▶ Regulations
 - ▶ State Rules (DEQ)
 - ▶ Ordinances
 - ▶ Responsibility to Public Health
 - ▶ Unincorporated or Incorporated
- ▶ Code Enforcement
 - ▶ Ordinance
 - ▶ Criminal Code—Maybe
- City/District Attorney
 - Criminal Code
 - Criminal Standard
- Storm Water
 - Ordinances
 - Portions of State Rule
 - UPDES, Manage System, SWPPP
 - City



Purpose of the Task Force

- ▶ Coordinate information and resources between agencies.
- ▶ Expand awareness of environmental violations.
- ▶ Improve training of local government agencies.
- ▶ Increase public awareness.
- ▶ Increase enforcement referrals.
- ▶ Solve problems with all enforcement tools available.



Coordinate Information and Resources Between Agencies

- ▶ Task Force Meeting
- ▶ Held on 1st Wednesday
- ▶ Meeting:
 - ▶ Announcements
 - ▶ Training (10-15 minutes)
 - ▶ New Cases (Health and other agencies)
 - ▶ Case Updates
 - ▶ Settlement Details



Resource for others

- ▶ E.P.A.
- ▶ D.E.Q.
- ▶ Department of Agriculture
- ▶ Utah County Board of Health—Presentation
- ▶ Utah County Forming Task Force
- ▶ Weber-Morgan Health Department
- ▶ Uintah County Formed Task Force
- ▶ Sewer Districts



Multi-county task force



Task Force Benefits



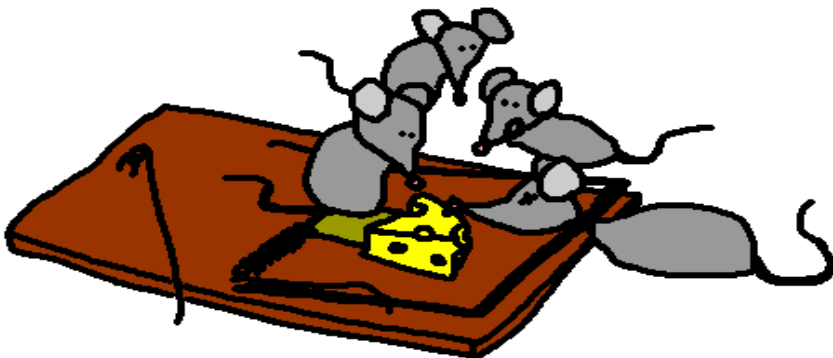
- ▶ Variety of options
- ▶ Information sharing
- ▶ EPA support and recognition
- ▶ Case load increase (may be soon)
- ▶ 40-50 participants each month
- ▶ Training

Creating a Task Force

NEED A COMMON GOAL

- ▶ Lead Agency/Agencies
- ▶ Partners
- ▶ We all bring tools
- ▶ Resources
- ▶ Political will
- ▶ Learn from others
- ▶ Relationships
- ▶ Food

You know what I liked best about ol' Rupert?
He always knew how to take one for the team.



fallingfifth.com



Growth & Challenges understanding each others roles



What is an environmental crime?

- ▶ Concrete Wastewater Discharge
- ▶ Carpet Cleaners Discharge
- ▶ Restaurant Grease & Wastewater
- ▶ Auto Shops (Cleaning wastewater)
- ▶ Oil Lube Businesses
- ▶ Chemical Applicators



There are many other Environmental Crimes

- ▶ Illegal dumping
- ▶ Waste tires
- ▶ Medical & Biohazard wastes
- ▶ Used oil
- ▶ Methamphetamine Labs (Chemically Contaminated Properties) I.E. Hotel Rooms, Apartments, Residence.
- ▶ Hoarding
- ▶ Lead Acid Batteries
- ▶ Anti-Freeze



Saltaire Bus Dump



Criminal Case Review



Lateral Boring Company

Nov. 7, 2014

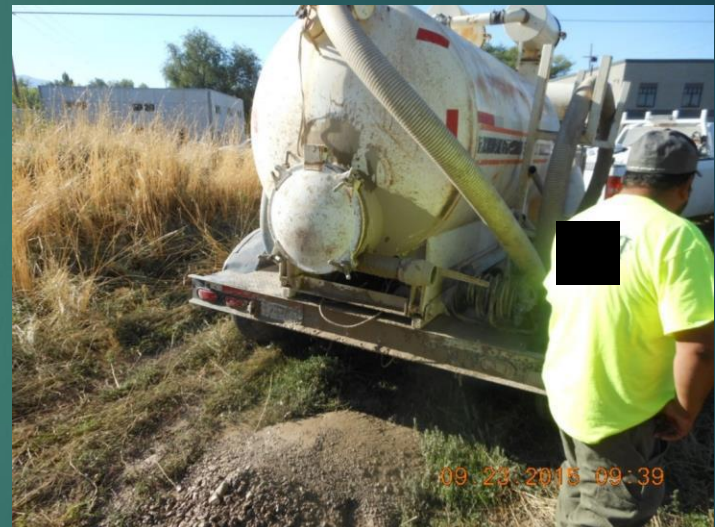


- ▶ Report from FAA employee
- ▶ Witness Statement "Mile High Construction"
- ▶ Notified Attorney and Company
- ▶ Company working in area
- ▶ Solid Waste Violation

July 21, 2015—South Salt Lake City Property



September 23, 2015



October 14, 2015— Clean Water Act Violation



Storm drains lead to rivers in utah



OUTCOMES

▶ Administrative

- ▶ NOV—Solid Waste Violations
 - ▶ State Rule
 - ▶ Health Regulation
 - ▶ 4 cases
- ▶ Penalty: \$4,788.42

- ▶ 2nd NOV—Clean Water Act Violation
 - ▶ State Rule
 - ▶ Health Regulation
- ▶ Penalty: \$2,361

▶ Criminal

- ▶ Ignoring an Order (Class “A” Misdemeanor)
- ▶ Clean Water Act Discharge (3rd Degree Felony)

TEAMWORK

At times a Witness can be a
Suspect



SSL Protocol Brings Task Force

- ▶ Call at night
- ▶ SSL Protocol
- ▶ Decision meeting in morning
- ▶ Interview witness
 - ▶ Brings Mercury
- ▶ Inspect property
- ▶ Not valid
- ▶ Samples
- ▶ Happened in 14 hours (8 sleeping)




Mercury???



Herriman Utah

September 15, 2012

- ▶ A witness driving home observed a Sewer & Drain Company dumping their tanker truck onto the ground in a field in Herriman.
- ▶ October 1, 2012, same witness observed the sewer tanker truck again dumping their load onto the ground.
- ▶ The witness takes photographs and calls the Salt Lake County Health Department.



These are the
witness'
photographs

PICTURES TELL A THOUSAND
WORDS.

Sewer Cleaning



Business Owner



Unlawful Discharge of Human Waste into Field





Herriman, Utah



Problems with this case

1. Witness did not want to give statement.
2. Owner of property gave permission to dump on his property.
3. Employees renting & working for owner of company.
4. No samples taken.
5. Two weeks past before criminal case was started.

Why did you dump in the field



Working with the tools we have



Mr. Cheese made over a
thousand people sick









Salt Lake County District Attorney's Office

**Subject:
Rental & Sales Company**

March 3, 2013

Murray, Utah

Unlawful Discharge into the Jordan River







PARTIES • TEAR

EATU

WARNING
DANGER
DO NOT TOUCH









PROPANE EXCHANGE

SAFE

By Test and SAFE way to get propane

Exchange. Portable

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PROPANE
CYLINDER EXCHANGE



















Result

- ▶ Plea Agreement (Settle Administrative and Criminal Action)
 - ▶ Class A Misdemeanor
 - ▶ \$2,000 Plea in Abeyance Fee
 - ▶ Pay a Penalty \$4,402
 - ▶ Pay \$1,666 Assigned Fund
 - ▶ Prepare a Written Pollution Prevention Plan
 - ▶ Reimburse Murray City



Not Again???

City employee driving by



Super Hoarder





1/15/2014 14:30



07.12.2011 13:24



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Papa John's



542

07.12.2011 13:25



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Salt Lake City Court Ordered Cleanup

Contractor Stats

- ▶ Equipment Operators 108 hours
- ▶ Skilled Laborers 64 hours
- ▶ Unskilled laborers 65 hours
- ▶ Skid steer 2 days
- ▶ Track Hoe 3 days

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- ▶ 32 – 30 cubic yard dumpsters removed with a total of 960 cubic yards removed from the site with 14 dumpsters (420 cubic yards) coming from sheds
 - ▶ 10 vehicles
 - ▶ 2 trailers
 - ▶ 2 motorcycles
 - ▶ 1 snow mobile
 - ▶ 1 small tractor

Roofing Company— Remediation Is Expensive











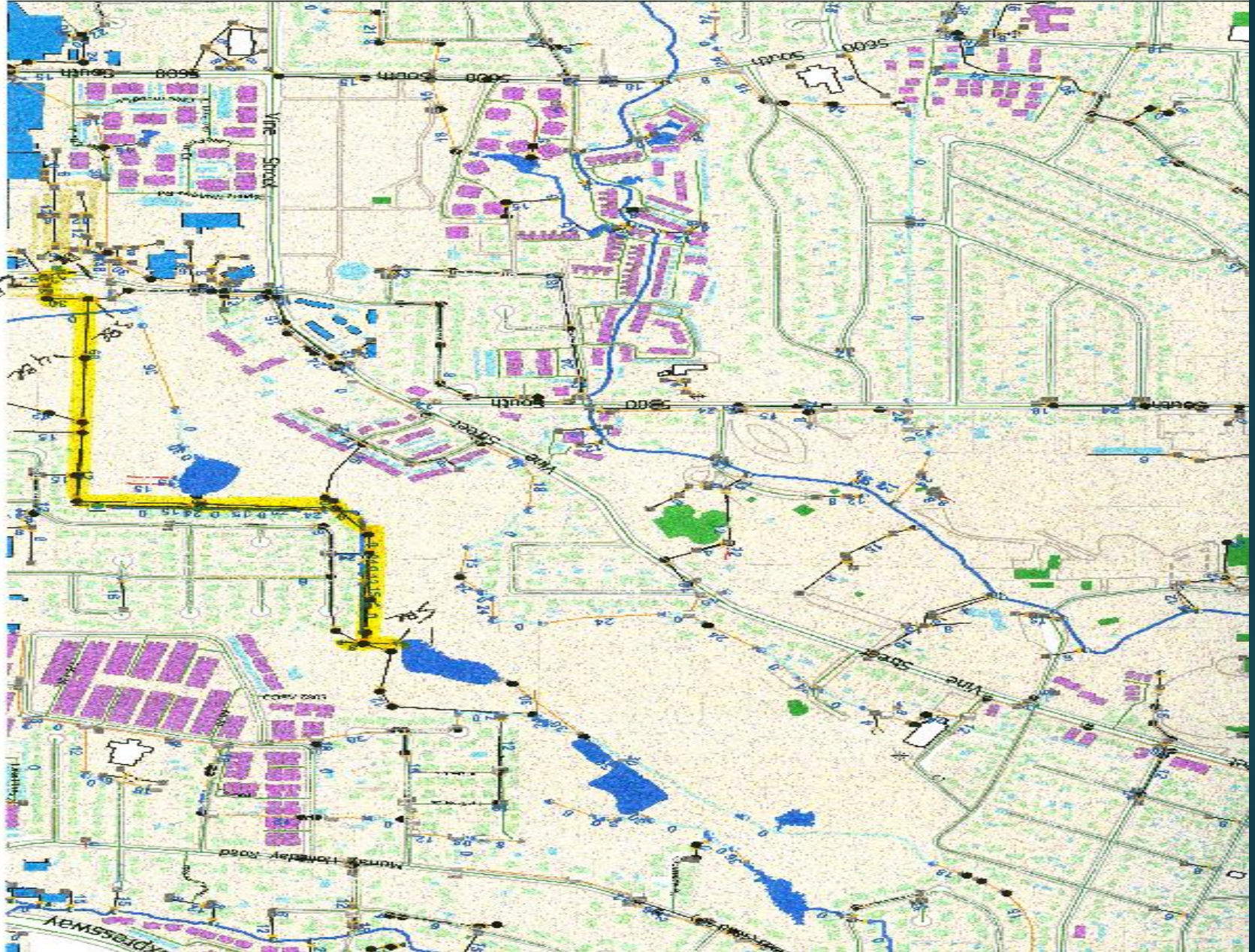
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WE'RE STORA
PLUS
A WHOLE LO
MORE!











Illegal Structure—Toilet Plumbed To Canal







11.14.2013 11:42



12.05.2013 16:31







HIDDEN DISCHARGE PIPES



UNEXPLAINED DRAINAGE OUTSIDE



OIL FILTERS BURNING



PSILOCYBIN





SLCo Health Department Placards Chemically Contaminated Properties

**CLOSED
TO ENTRY**

Address

City

Date posted

Posted by

Phone

SL
SALT LAKE
COUNTY
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

**BY ORDER OF THE
Salt Lake County
Health Department**


san.slcohealth.org


Gary Edwards, Executive Director

It is a misdemeanor to enter these premises, to remove or deface this notice, or to violate a health department order. Entry by authorized decontamination personnel is allowed between the hours of _____ and _____ for conducting a preliminary assessment or performing permitted decontamination work. No one else may enter at any time; doing so is a violation of state law.
(UCA 76-6-206 Criminal Trespass, UCA 76-8-301 Interference with Public Servant, 76-8-417 Tampering with Official Notice, 26A-1-123 Violating a Health Department Order)



Evidence of use—results in closure





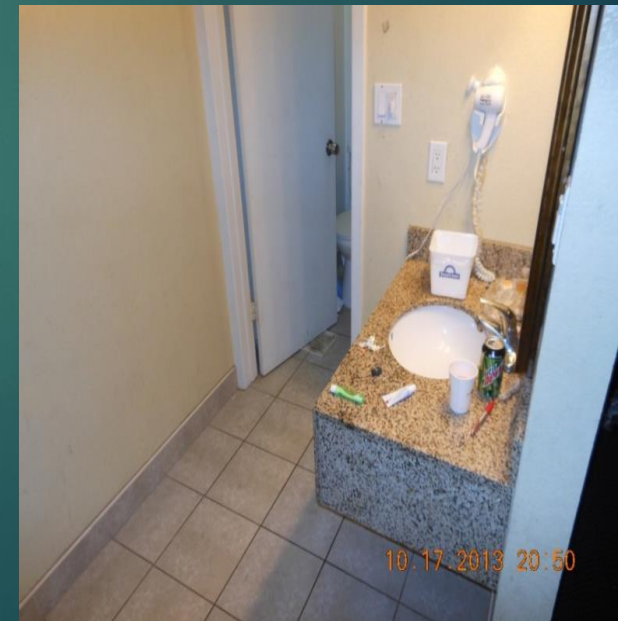
Joint Inspection

- ▶ Police
- ▶ Fire
- ▶ Business Licensing
- ▶ Code Enforcement
- ▶ Health Department
 - ▶ Public Lodging
 - ▶ Pools
 - ▶ Food
 - ▶ Chemically Contaminated Properties
- ▶ Results:
 - ▶ Numerous Fire Code Violations
 - ▶ Code Enforcement Violations
 - ▶ Health Department Violations
 - ▶ Joint Letter Outlining Time Frames for Correction & Expectations
 - ▶ Made Corrections

Warrant



- Prepared by South Salt Lake Police & DA Investigator
- Health Department Input
- Served by South Salt Lake PD
- Results
 - Seized Computers
 - 200+ days renting rooms
- Records
 - Information for Criminal Charges

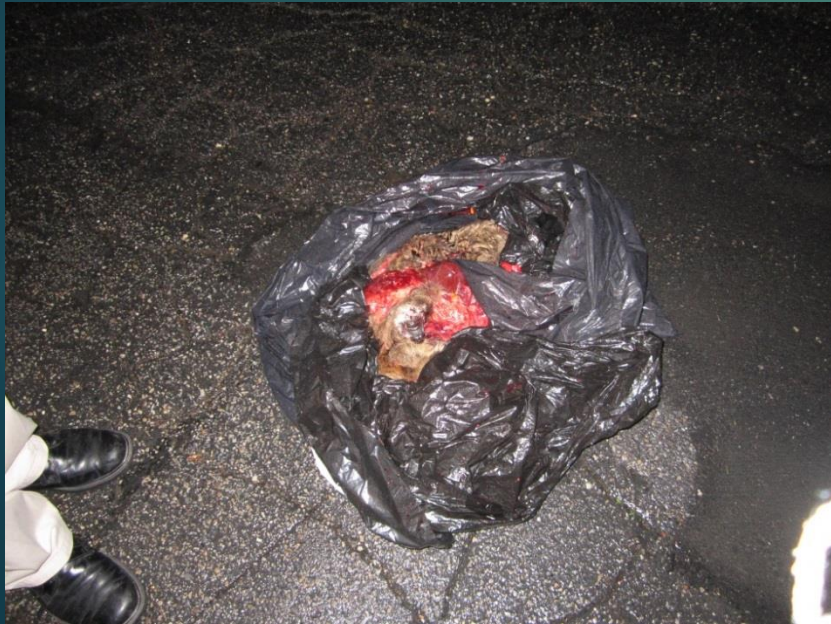


Results

- ▶ Criminal Charges—
Class “A”
 - ▶ General Manager
 - ▶ Facility Manager
 - ▶ Worker
- ▶ Notice of Violation
 - ▶ Limited Liability Corporation
- ▶ Penalty:
 - ▶ \$12,000
- ▶ Economic Benefit

EPA & Salt Lake County Investigator

- ▶ HVAC Fabricating Company
 - ▶ POTW Discharge Permit
- ▶ Monthly Wastewater Sampling
- ▶ Improper Sampling/No Sampling
- ▶ Falsified e-mails, results, documents, and electronic signatures
- ▶ Results:
 - ▶ 5—Felony Counts
 - ▶ Plea to one Felony & 3 Class “A”
 - ▶ External Sampling Port
- ▶ Central Valley Sewer—Notice of Violation
- ▶ Penalty:
 - ▶ \$39,748.50



The Goals of Enforcement are to promote

- ▶ Environmental protection through compliance
- ▶ Protect the investments and good faith efforts of responsible members of the regulated community



Camping in the City



Not Again







Environmental Crimes Training

Educate

Held every two years at local community college venue.

Statewide invitation to participants:

- ❖ Environmental Health Scientists
- ❖ Code Enforcement Officers
- ❖ Police Officers
- ❖ Prosecutors
- ❖ Municipal Officials
- ❖ Federal Agencies
- ❖ Water & Sewer Districts

Agency

Environmental Crimes Training

- ▶ Utah Peace Officer's Association
- ▶ Governor's Public Safety Summit
- ▶ Utah Environmental Health Association
- ▶ UOCA
- ▶ Region 3 Training
- ▶ SSL City Council
- ▶ Murray City (PD, Public Works, Code)
- ▶ Sandy City (all Agencies)
- ▶ Salt Lake County Field Staff
- ▶ Police
- ▶ IMC
- ▶ Fashion Place Mall
- ▶ Nights Out Against Crime

Environmental Crimes Settlement Fund

- ▶ Funds from criminal pleas or convictions
- ▶ Purpose
 - ▶ Education & Training
 - ▶ Equipment
 - ▶ Prosecution
- ▶ 2016, \$20,000



Public Awareness

- ▶ Nights Out Against Crime
- ▶ Watershed Symposium
- ▶ Community Meetings
- ▶ IMC
- ▶ Fashion Place Mall
- ▶ University of Utah Law School
- ▶ Looping DVD





Protecting our environment through education & enforcement



Salt Lake County Environmental Crimes Task Force and our partner agencies throughout the county

