



# UNIFIED FIRE AUTHORITY

## MEMORANDUM

26-058

April 13, 2026

TO: All Personnel

FROM: Emergency Management Director Behunin

SUBJECT: 2026 Great ShakeOut

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The Wasatch Front has the potential to experience an earthquake larger than magnitude 7, up to a maximum of about magnitude 7.3, which means significantly more powerful shaking and more damage to the valley. The 2026 statewide Utah ShakeOut is on April 16, 2026. Utahns will participate in earthquake drills at work, home, or both, practicing earthquake safety and other aspects of their emergency plans. Go to [beready.utah.gov](https://beready.utah.gov) to learn how to prepare for earthquakes and other disasters. [Earthquakes.utah.gov](https://earthquakes.utah.gov) dives into the science of the ground shaking.

On April 16, SLCo EM will conduct a notification drill to test our notification software. The notification should reach all full-time employees assigned a desk phone or government cell phone and the on-shift Battalion Chiefs. The notification will begin at 10:15 a.m. We ask those who receive the email/text/phone call to check in with their immediate supervisor. Supervisors will work up their respective chain of command, ending with members of Command Staff checking in to the EM Division. This is a great practice of accountability within divisions and emergency notifications for UFA staff.

Please contact Director Tara Behunin with any questions.