Terrorism Here.....

Hello again glad to see that you are still here. I have had a fun time this fall enjoying the cool weather and waiting for the snow to fall. Not much to do with the hive right now so I thought I would check in with you and talk current events.

Recently we had to face a danger most of us thought we would never see. Yes I am talking about the tornado. To many it opened our eyes to the fact that the things we hear and read about do happen in our state. A couple of months before that there were two shootings in the workplace. I even remember when the police were looking for an individual who was supposed to be driving around a big truck filled with explosives.

Terrorism wether domestic or international can strike us here in our state. We have all heard about groups who are upset with how the government works, not to mention religious groups who feel the end is near. To some of these groups only violence will cause the change they seek. The hard part for us to believe is that these groups exist in our state. Like the earthquake in our future, it is not a matter of if it will happen but when.

Having buzzed in and around the law enforcement circles I know lots of work is being done to protect us. The Criminal Identification Bureau, Department of Public Safety is at the front of identifying and keeping intelligence files on the many groups in our state. Also, there are lots of meetings between law enforcement, private security, and concerned citizens to share information.

Currently there are over ten national groups that are found within our state. Not to mention the fifteen homegrown organizations. Recently a Time news article talked about how an international movement who has an affiliation in Utah was known for its violence. On a recent call in radio show, a member of this group mentioned how other states treat the Utah members as people to stay away from. They have such a violent reputation that other national members are afraid to be seen with Utah members. There is just too much negative attention drawn to this group.

What can we do about this and how can we help keep this violence from affecting our state?

- ☞ The first thing would be to get involved. If you see something is not right make a note, call the police.
- ☞ Everyone has intuition or a gut instinct, and it needs to be used. After all if you cannot trust yourself who can you trust.
- ☞ Get to know the people in your area. One of a criminals greatest asset is a neighborhood where everyone keeps to themselves.

Remember that for us to want a safe and secure community, means <u>we</u> have to <u>make</u> a safe and secure community. Until next month Be Smart, Be Safe and B. Secure.