

JEFFEREY G. RYLEE, EMT/DEPUTY CHIEF (retired), Hazardous Materials/Special Teams Operations, Idaho Office of Emergency Management (retired)

- Original founding member and State Point of Contact for the Idaho Incident Management and Support Team (IIMAST) the Type 3 All Hazard Incident Management Team.
- Lead organizer, coordinator, and manager for the Idaho AHIMT.
- Qualified as a Planning Section Chief and trainer for the Planning Section Chief position specific course
- Qualified as a Trainer by multiple organizations, including the National Fire Academy, FEMA, and the fire service. Jeff is a Lead Adjunct Instructor for the Chemistry of Hazardous Materials for the National Fire Academy
- In February of 2002, Jeff was asked to participate in an Incident Management Team for 28 days during the Salt Lake City 2002 Winter Olympic Games. Jeff worked as the Safety Officer and Operations Section Chief for that Team in the Park City area.

Jeff Rylee worked for the Idaho Office of Emergency Management from 2002 and was responsible for providing administrative, financial, training, and emergency support for six Idaho Regional Hazardous Materials Response Teams, five bomb squads, three Idaho Collapse Search and Rescue teams, an Incident Management Team and emergency responders from all disciplines in the State. Responsibilities included operations, research and development, oversight, emergency response, equipment identification and purchase, training/exercising communities, planning, preparation, and mitigation.

Jeff retired from the Salt Lake City Fire Department on September 30, 2000 in order to take a job as the Deputy Chief of Operations on the Boise, Idaho Fire Department. Responsibilities included the supervision of shift Battalion Chiefs, station Captains, and emergency response. Jeff left the Boise Fire Department in March of 2002.

Jeff joined the Salt Lake City Fire Department in June of 1979. He became a Journeyman firefighter in 1984 after four years as an apprentice. In 1982, he established the SLC Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT). He was responsible for implementing the planning and organizational structure, equipping the employees and vehicles, the employee training, administration, and the legal considerations concerning hazardous materials. Jeff also designed and modulated a four tier Salt Lake City Fire Department HazMat Training Program for recruit firefighters, line fire companies, hazardous materials response team officers, and SLC fire officers. He was instrumental in establishing the Utah Hazardous Materials Association and has served as chairman of the International Hazardous Materials Association and Utah Chapter of the IHMA for several years. Besides his national involvement in networking with other individuals and organizations to improve the techniques of response, management, and technology, he was the Technical Director for Environmental Health and Safety Educators, a training division of Preferred Meeting Management, Inc. He has also instructed for several organizations and companies such as: Utah Technical College, Utah State Fire Training, Salt Lake City Police Department, Hill Air Force Base, Denver & Rio Grande Western Railroad, National Semiconductor, Holy Cross Hospital and the Utah Highway Patrol. Jeff was promoted Battalion Chief in May 1994. As a line Battalion Chief, Jeff had 13 fire stations and 75 firefighters working for him on his shift. Given responsibility for the Special Operations Division, Jeff worked with the special teams on the fire department: the Haz Mat Team, the Tech Rescue Team, the Utah Urban Search and Rescue Task Force, the Local Emergency Planning Committee, among others. Jeff sat on three Olympic planning committees including, the Haz Mat Committee, the Mass Casualty Incident Committee, and the Weapons of Mass Destruction Committee. When the Nunn-Luger funds became available, and Salt Lake City, was chosen, Jeff helped to organize and ultimately deliver the training, equipment, and exercises to the Salt Lake City area. Jeff was chosen to be program manager to help start a Metropolitan Medical Response Team funded by the Federal Public Health program.

Jeff has a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from the University of Utah.