

Our mission is to work together as One DPS in providing a safe and secure environment for all people in Utah.



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Department of Public Safety

DPS in the News



Trooper Josh Carr & DPS Dispatcher Brittney Chugg appeared on the Meredith Viera Show after working together to help deliver a baby on the side of the road. Click to watch a video of their appearance.



POST demonstrated use of force training to Utah's media outlets. Click here to watch the story produced by Fox13.

First Edition of DPS Highlights and Legislative Session Wrap Up

I am pleased to present the first monthly Utah Department of Public Safety highlights. This is not meant to be a comprehensive report of all of our great department's activities - that would be quite a voluminous publication. While everything every DPS employee does every day is high impact, this report seeks to capture various elements of what our Department does each month. The scope of our responsibilities and mission brings us into contact with nearly every person in Utah and I hope this report can feature certain elements of our activities for our co-workers, constituents, legislators and peers to review.

As you may know, the 2015 session of the Utah Legislature ended on Thursday, March 12th. Although the session is short, planning began many months ago as I worked closely with our division directors in identifying our overall needs throughout the department. We are continuously self-evaluating our operations and processes. We are effectively using the Governor's SUCCESS Framework as a key tool for finding more efficiencies. I've required that we look first internally for finding cost savings before seeking new funding. We have been very successful with this in the past two

years and it allows us to demonstrate to our budget decision makers how we are carefully managing the public's money. All of our directors are working closely together and problem solving across division lines whenever possible (One DPS).

Our most valuable resource in this process is all of you. Your caring and professional service as DPS employees is what our department's great reputation is built upon. Having this honest reputation and overall great teamwork is essential to our credibility. It is recognized and appreciated when we make our DPS budget requests to our elected leaders on Capitol Hill.





Commissioner Carr addresses media about WEA Amber Alert.

BCI Involved in Utah's First WEA for Amber Alert

Following the kidnapping of a young girl in South Salt Lake, a wireless Amber Alert was sent out to all capable cell phones in the area and it was the first of its kind in Utah. DPS's Bureau of Criminal Identification coordinates Amber Alerts for Utah and discussed the wireless emergency alert (WEA) with the media. WEA is a partnership between the Federal Emergency Management, the Federal Communications Commission and wireless carriers. The girl was found safe and the suspect was taken into custody.

Second Palm Print "Hit" at Crime Lab

Within the last year, DPS Forensic Scientists have been experimenting with a new identification technique: palm prints. Although this type of evidence has been utilized for many years, it has only recently been made available for searching in an automated database. Similar to the AFIS (Automated Fingerprint Identification System) program, the database for palm prints is used to provide investigators with leads from evidence processed from crime scenes. Although the current palm print database is relatively small (compared to the fingerprint system), it will continue to expand and gain greater use and acceptance. Recently, the crime laboratory had a "hit" to a crime scene for a local agency. The detectives were pleasantly surprised at how quickly laboratory scientists had processed and solved the case with this novel technique. This is the second palm print hit for the laboratory.



New Troopers Sworn In



On February 26th, sixteen new Utah Highway Patrol troopers were sworn in at the Capitol. They will begin their field training in their new sections throughout the State.

New DLD Field Office in Price



On February 17, 2015, the Driver License Division opened a new field office in Price. The new facility features additional space and was designed specifically for DLD functions.