

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

Keith D. Squires  
Commissioner



# Utah

## Department of Public Safety

### DPS in the News



Commissioner Squires spoke at the press event where Leslie Fiet received the Rachel Runyan Award for her role in finding a child who had been kidnapped. Fiet found the child in an SUV parked outside her cupcake shop following Utah's first-ever electronic Amber Alert which was sent to every cell phone in the area. Watch the full story from KUTV [here](#).

Crime laboratory personnel assisted Murray City Police with the identification of the shooter of the Lee Mart convenience store clerk. Analysts developed latent prints that linked a suspect to the crime scene. Watch a Fox13 story about the case [here](#).

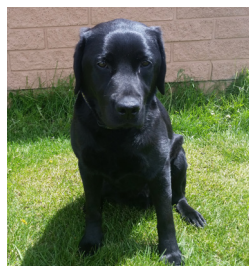
### Working With Utah's Native American Tribes

DPS divisions continued to work directly with Utah's Native American Tribes in April. The Highway Safety Office helped host the 8th Annual Four Corners Without Borders Injury Prevention Meeting in Monument Valley on April 7th and 8th. This meeting brings together traffic safety advocates, law enforcement, EMS and other partners from Utah, Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado to address health and safety issues facing the Native American population. The Division of Emergency Management continued to work with tribes throughout the State by conducting the DPS Tribal Advisory Committee meeting and holding individual meetings with representatives from the Skull Valley Goshutes and Navajo Nation to address emergency management and homeland security issues.



Attendees of the 8th Annual Four Corners Injury Prevention Meeting

### New Accelerant K-9 for Fire Marshal's Office



Deputy Fire Marshal Troy Mills completed a six week hand-off course from the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco Firearms and Explosives in Front Royal, Virginia. The ATF handed off the State Fire Marshal's Office new black lab accelerant detection K-9 dog named "Oscar." Troy arrived for training on March 8. Troy and Oscar graduated on April 17 and made the trip back home and are now actively investigating fires in Utah.



## The Great ShakeOut



DPS Administration reviews the continuity of operations plan as part of the Great Shakeout Drill

Earthquakes in Utah are real, and so are Earthquake drills. Thanks to more than 20,000 State Employees and hundreds of thousands of Utahns, this year's statewide earthquake drill was another resounding success. Across the state, 960,000 people were registered to participate in the 2015 Great Utah ShakeOut. Our previous record was in 2012 when 945,000 participated. We should all be prepared to drop, cover and hold on. Those actions are most likely going to keep you safe in an earthquake. The event garnered significant media coverage in addition to great participation.

## Playing an Integral Role Behind the Scenes

Much of what the State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) and Statewide Information and Analysis Center (SIAC) do doesn't receive a lot of public recognition. This trend was recently reversed when SIAC was awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence in recognition of the integral services it provides to law enforcement for investigations ranging from homicide and violent crimes to narcotics and homeland security-related threats.

SBI continued to work behind the scenes in April, especially with regard to cyber security. SBI cyber agents assisted two local police departments with a revenge porn investigation and a sophisticated merchant fraud account investigation and the Cyber Task Force received a tip regarding a threat of a school shooting posting by an anonymous user of a forum.

## Protection and Service in Many Varied Aspects

Throughout the month of April, the Highway Patrol continued to provide protection and service to the citizens of Utah in a wide range of areas. UHP investigated ten fatal crashes during the month, including one that resulted from extremely high winds and involved six semi trucks and 11 passenger vehicles. Troopers continued to conduct drug

interdiction, seizing 135 pounds of marijuana, 800 oxycodone pills and 1 pound of hash found in a hidden engine compartment in a 2002 Mercedes Benz. April also saw the UHP assisting with a presidential visit and providing honor guard details, including casket sentries and full honors, at the funeral for former Utah Governor Norm Bangerter.

