

Our mission is working together as ONE DPS to provide a safe and secure Utah.

Keith D. Squires
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DPS in the News



Commissioner Squires and Colonel Fuhr helped kick off an aggressive driving campaign on June 4th. The purpose of the event was to focus on unsafe drivers and careless drivers operating on Utah's roadways. Unmarked cars were utilized to target aggressive driving on the freeways and surface streets. Watch a KSL story about the campaign [here](#).



The Highway Safety Office held a press event at Mr. Mac featuring seat belt-themed ties for Father's Day - watch a story from ABC4 [here](#).

Ground Breaking

Commissioner Squires helped break ground for the new Unified State Laboratory Module #2 on Monday, June 29th. Other dignitaries who participated in the ceremonial ground breaking included (from right to left in the picture below) Lt. Governor Spencer Cox, Department of Administrative Services Executive Director Kim Hood, Greg Miller, Senator Wayne Harper, Utah Department of Health Executive Director Dr. Patton, Taylorsville Mayor Larry Johnson, Department of Agriculture and Food Commissioner LuAnn Adams, David Fitzsimmons from the Utah State Building Board, Representative Gage Froerer and Divisions of Facilities and Construction Management Assistant Director Jim Russell.

The new laboratory will house the State Medical Examiner, the State Crime Lab and the Department of Agriculture

and Food's four food safety labs. It will bring together the crime lab scientists and the ballistics-testing group, which now works off-site, and allow for more efficient work between the crime lab and the medical examiner's office.

In a short ceremony before the ground breaking, Commissioner Squires spoke about the enhanced collaboration and efficiencies that will be possible as a result of the new facility. "We look forward to the science and services that will help victims and those that work in the criminal justice realm," he said.

Crime Lab Director Jay Henry noted that the building "represents a purpose-built facility that will help each one of the departments accomplish their mission more efficiently."

Construction on the lab is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2016.





Proactively and Actively Addressing Cyber Crime

DPS agencies are working to proactively address cyber crime through planning and exercises while also combatting cyber crimes being committed. In June, SIAC hosted a cyber response tabletop exercise for the Utah Cyber Task Force. The exercise pulled together elements from SIAC, SBI, DTS, DHS and the Rocky Mountain Regional Computer Forensics Laboratory. By testing existing processes and cyber investigative responses, the exercise highlighted existing capabilities and served to enhance the future work, cooperation and communication of the Utah Cyber Task Force.

Recent cyber security incidents at a federal agency reveal the importance of cyber crime prevention at all

levels of government. DEM is working with DTS to develop a cyber-attack plan for Utah's state government to help prevent similar incidents here.

SBI helped stop a 15-year-old hacker in Wilmington, Massachusetts, who had also used analog means to commit crime. By sharing key 911 audio from a SWAT-ing in Clearfield with an FBI agent in another division, authorities were able to clearly identify the voice of the hacker in an interview with him and garner a confession from him. The suspect was arrested by Wilmington Police and faces a terror charge after making over 20 bomb threats against a school in Michigan, several other schools and airports.

Internal: A Fair

At DPS, many divisions have rigorous public information and education programs that are geared toward the public. The DPS Safety Committee wanted to make sure that DPS employees received the same important safety messages that we as an agency share with the public. So the committee members turned the focus from the external - our constituents - to the internal - our employees - and organized the inaugural DPS/UDOT Employee Safety Fair.

More than 24 different safety topics were covered by representatives from organizations including the

following: UHP, DEM, Worker's Comp, Primary Children's Medical Center, UTA, Utah Poison Control, LifeFlight, UDOT, the Utah Safety Council, Zero Fatalities, State Risk Management, the Fire Marshal's Office and the Forest Service.

Over 400 employees and their family members attended and enjoyed the fair, which included UHP K9 demonstrations, a LifeFlight helicopter take-off and landing, interactive educational booths and even several food trucks.



Commissioner Squires and Emily Smith ride the UHP's seat belt convincer.



Safe Kids Coordinator Cambree Applegate discusses car seat safety.



K9 Axel demonstrates the capture of a fleeing felon.

Emerging Marijuana Trend Found in the Field

In June, UHP encountered several increasingly popular marijuana byproducts during a traffic stop and SBI was called to assist with the investigation. The vehicle contained 11 ounces of marijuana oil and five ounces of marijuana "dabs." The suspects were

traveling from California to Iowa and receipt for a priority mailing from California to Sioux City, Iowa, was also discovered in the vehicle. SBI made contact with the postal inspector in that area and the inspector was making arrangements to intercept the package.