

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

Keith D. Squires
Commissioner



Utah

Department of Public Safety

DPS in the News



Driver License Division began testing new mobile tablet technology in order to improve efficiency, test monitoring, statistical analysis and scoring consistency.

[Click here to watch a KUTV news story about the tablets.](#)



The Highway Safety Office and Highway Patrol partnered with local law enforcement, the Catholic Diocese of Salt Lake City and local bars to remind St. Patrick's Day revelers to drive sober. [Watch a Fox13 news story about the Saints of Sobriety.](#) [Click here for a review of HSO and UHP social media for St. Patrick's Day.](#)

Commissioner Travels to Washington, D.C., for National Intelligence Meetings

In March, Commissioner Keith Squires traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with senior intelligence officials on matters related to state and local law enforcement's contributions to countering terrorism, violent extremists, cyber security, cyber crimes enforcement and combating transnational organized crime.

Others state and local officials attending these meetings included the superintendent of the Boston Police Department, the sheriff of Orange County, California, the chief of police of Seattle, the colonel of the New Jersey State Police, the sheriff of Hennepin County, Minnesota, and the director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation.

The trip included meetings at the FBI Terrorist Screening Center and the National Counterterrorism Center. Commissioner Squires also attended a briefing provided by Commissioner Bill Bratton of the

New York City Police Department. Commissioner Squires' trip coincided with the terrorist attacks

in Brussels. "The terrorist attacks on innocent citizens, including fellow Utahns on Tuesday morning was especially heinous and served all of us to increase our vigilance," said Commissioner Squires. "Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with the victims and their families."



Commissioner Squires with NYPD Commissioner Bratton

In 2013, Commissioner Squires met with Belgian officials in Brussels and Antwerp as well as at Europol in The Hague, Netherlands. This was part of an invitation by the FBI and the Department of Homeland Security to travel to Europe as part of a U.S. delegation sharing information with their law enforcement officials on how we are combating violent extremism and utilizing fusion centers to effectively share information between federal, state and local agencies.



Ensuring Resilience in Critical Infrastructure

On March 17th, DPS' Division of Emergency Management (DEM) invited planners, innovators and experts in disaster resilience from around the United States to its first Critical Infrastructure Resilience Symposium to share their stories of getting critical infrastructure in their communities ready to respond. DEM's Utah Public-Private Partnership section, known as UP3, spearheaded this effort.

What is critical infrastructure?

When you think of all the bad things that can happen and who you call for help, the normal list surfaces: Call 911 and police, fire and ambulances show up. But what if an incident is big... really big... so big that it affects utilities, transportation, telecommunications and government (the very people who are supposed to respond to emergencies)?

You quickly see that a catastrophic incident, such as an earthquake, requires many helping hands. The emergency management world calls that the whole community. There's a part of the whole community that is sometimes taken for granted:



Commissioner Squires opened the symposium.

critical infrastructure.

Critical infrastructure includes food and ag producers,

commercial facilities, schools, critical manufacturing, energy and financial sectors, government, water and transportation systems, among others.

Much of the critical infrastructure everywhere is run by private companies with business models and balance sheets and trade secrets. But in a disaster, you need those companies to come together so people can get back to work, so the economy can bounce back.

At the symposium, DEM highlighted its success in creating the Lifeline Infrastructures Resilience Council (LIRC), a disaster planning group made up of some important industry partners in Utah: Questar Gas, Rocky Mountain Power, the Utah Trucking Association, Century Link, Comcast, Utah Department of Transportation, Union Pacific and about 40 other members. The LIRC provides a regular forum for these companies to share important operational information so they can work together in a disaster.

DEM came away from the symposium with a to-do list, and hopes others have been inspired to take steps toward strengthening partnerships between the public and private sector.

- Joe Dougherty



Heroism Recognized

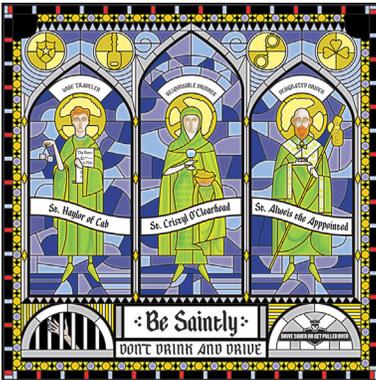
The American Red Cross recognizes Everyday Heroes: Ordinary people doing extraordinary things. At one of its series of Everyday Heroes events, the Utah Red Cross recognized Utah Highway Patrol Sergeant Jacob Cox and State Bureau of Investigation Agent Scott Nesbitt for helping prevent a man from jumping off a freeway bridge last year. Nominations took place in the fall and the event, held in March, honored Utahns all across the state who have demonstrated extraordinary courage, compassion, or service. [Read a Fox 13 news story about the event last May here.](#)





In Brief: Info & Images

Artwork featured as part of the St. Patrick's Day "Saints of Sobriety" impaired driving prevention campaign.



The New Car Dealers of Utah presented the UHP with \$5,000 to support DUI enforcement. We are grateful for their longstanding and invaluable support of public safety.

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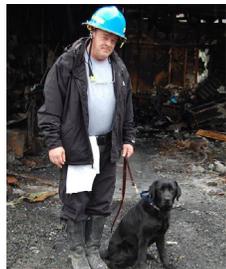
GROUPS OF INTERNATIONAL VISITORS hosted by DPS' Police Officer Standards and Training in March. Brazilian and Palestinian representatives met with POST's Major Scott Stevenson to discuss curriculum development and law enforcement methodology.

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MAGNITUDE OF AN EARTHQUAKE 17 miles north of the Bullfrog Marina on March 2nd. DPS' Division of Emergency Management used it to remind everyone that Utah is earthquake country and to Be Ready.

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AGENCY DPS' CRIME LAB ASSISTED with its backlogged latent print cases in March. The crime lab's latent print section, in terms of casework throughput, achieved its best month ever which made this assist to SLCPD possible.



The Richfield Reaper profiled K9 Oscar from DPS' State Fire Marshal's Office. [Read about the accelerant detecting K9, one of only 50 in the world, here.](#)



The DPS dive team assisted SBI with an investigation in Cache County.



Commissioner Squires received recognition for his support of the Utah Law Enforcement Memorial.



Students from Adams Elementary School in Davis County visited DEM's Emergency Operations Center.

24,326

INCIDENTS HANDLED BY DPS' SALT LAKE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER IN MARCH.

This represents a 36% increase over the number of incidents handled in March of 2015.

1923

THE YEAR UHP WAS FOUNDED.

[Watch an ABC4 story about UHP's history that aired in March.](#)