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POLICE

**2014
Annual
Report**

Message from the Chief of Police



Dear Provo Residents and Visitors,

The end of 2014 corresponded with the end of my first year with the Provo Police Department. It has been a great year for me and my family as we benefited from living in this great City. I had the extra benefit of working with the good men and women of the Provo Police Department.

Following the leadership of Mayor John Curtis we worked hard to provide excellent government services. We enhanced our focus on community policing by implementing our Beat Plan which provided more geographical responsibility to our patrol officers. This will also result in faster response to emergency calls while permitting our officers to better know the people in their assigned beats.

Two of our significant administrative initiatives were the creation of an Alumni Association and the Provo Police Foundation. The Alumni Association allows us to stay in contact with our former employees. This enhances the connection that these people had with their old colleagues and reminds our current staff of their obligation to honor the efforts of those who served before us. The Provo Police Foundation is a vehicle for accepting donations to enhance the department. We are concentrating on assisting department staff to obtain college degrees. Members can use Foundation funds for reimbursement of up to 50% of their total college costs.

As the nation held a boisterous discussion on police use-of-force, we did some self-examination and determined that by including our community we could both better train our officers and be more transparent in how we investigate use-of-force cases. We held a community forum where we invited the public to tell us what they expected of their police department during these events. What we heard was support for our police tapered with a desire to have more involvement in the process.

We created a Citizens Advisory Board (CAB) to help us navigate these important issues. The CAB will advise me on how to strengthen our training and also offer advice on topics as diverse as pursuits, dealing with individuals who suffer from mental illness, recruiting, hiring, and budget development. We believe that this outside viewpoint will ensure that we keep a balanced approach to our community problem solving efforts.

On an ending note, I want to point out that our serious crime dropped by an amazing 12.5% during 2014. I want to thank you for helping us service you better.

Sincerely,

John King
Chief of Police



Mission Statement

**We work with citizens to improve quality of life,
safeguard liberties, solve problems, and
stop crime.**

**We provide proactive service
in a professional,
compassionate manner.**

Department Values

P - *Pride in ourselves*

R - *Respect for our community*

I - *Integrity of our profession*

D - *Dedication to our work*

E - *Excellence in our service*



Office of the Chief Command Staff



Captain Jerry Harper
Operational
Support Services



Captain Cliff Argyle
Special Operations
Division



Captain John Geyerman
Patrol Division



Lieutenant Mathew Siufanua
Public Information Officer (PIO)



Lieutenant Jeff Lougee
Office Professional Standards
and Training
(OPST)

Office of the Chief

Promotions

Lieutenants:

Sergeant Jerid Barney, September 2014

Sergeant Brandon Post, September 2014



Office of the Chief

Promotions

Sergeant:

Senior Officer Robert Patrick, February 2014 (top left)

Senior Officer Drew Hubbard, October 2014 (top right)

Senior Officer Brian Taylor, October 2014 (bottom left)

Dispatch Training Supervisor:

Senior Dispatcher Genevieve Pratt, December 2014 (bottom right)



Office of the Chief

New Provo Police Officers

We are excited to introduce these newest members to our team:



Paul Shepherd



Shaun Oaks



Cameron Nelson



Richard Macy

Office of the Chief

Office of Professional Standards and Training

OPST is dedicated to fostering a culture of integrity among Provo Police Department staff by educating employees and promoting and ensuring ethical behavior. In 2014, 193 employees attended training for a total of 15,657 hours and 288 different classes.

The goal of the OPST is to assure that the integrity of the department is maintained through a system of internal discipline where objectivity, fairness, and justice are upheld by an intensive, impartial investigation and review process.

OPST will verify that complaints are thoroughly investigated in the fairest possible way, with the goal always being to discover the truth of the matter. By fulfilling those responsibilities, we help ensure that the Provo Police Department maintains the highest ethical training standards.

Types of Complaints	Officer Dispositions	Action Taken Against Officers
Criminal	1- Exonerated	1 - No Action
Demeanor	1 - Sustained	1 - Counseling
	8 - Not Sustained	8- No Action
Harassment	2 - Unfounded	2 No Action
Improper Conduct	1 - Sustained	1 - Suspension
	2 - Not Sustained	3 - No Action
	1- Unfounded	
Inappropriate Use of Force	1- Pending	1 - Pending
Neglect of Duty	2 - Sustained	1 - Suspension
		1 - Letter of Reprimand
Traffic	2 - Sustained	1 - Letter of Caution
	1 - Unfounded	1 - Letter of Reprimand
		1 - No Action

Patrol Division

Under the command of Captain John Geyerman, the Patrol Division functions as the most visible unit of the department, serving as its backbone. The Patrol Division works with the citizens of Provo in a competent and proficient manner.

The Patrol Division is made up of Officers who patrol in cars, motorcycles, bicycles, as well as on foot. The Patrol Division also includes specialists who perform crime analysis, animal control, and parking enforcement.

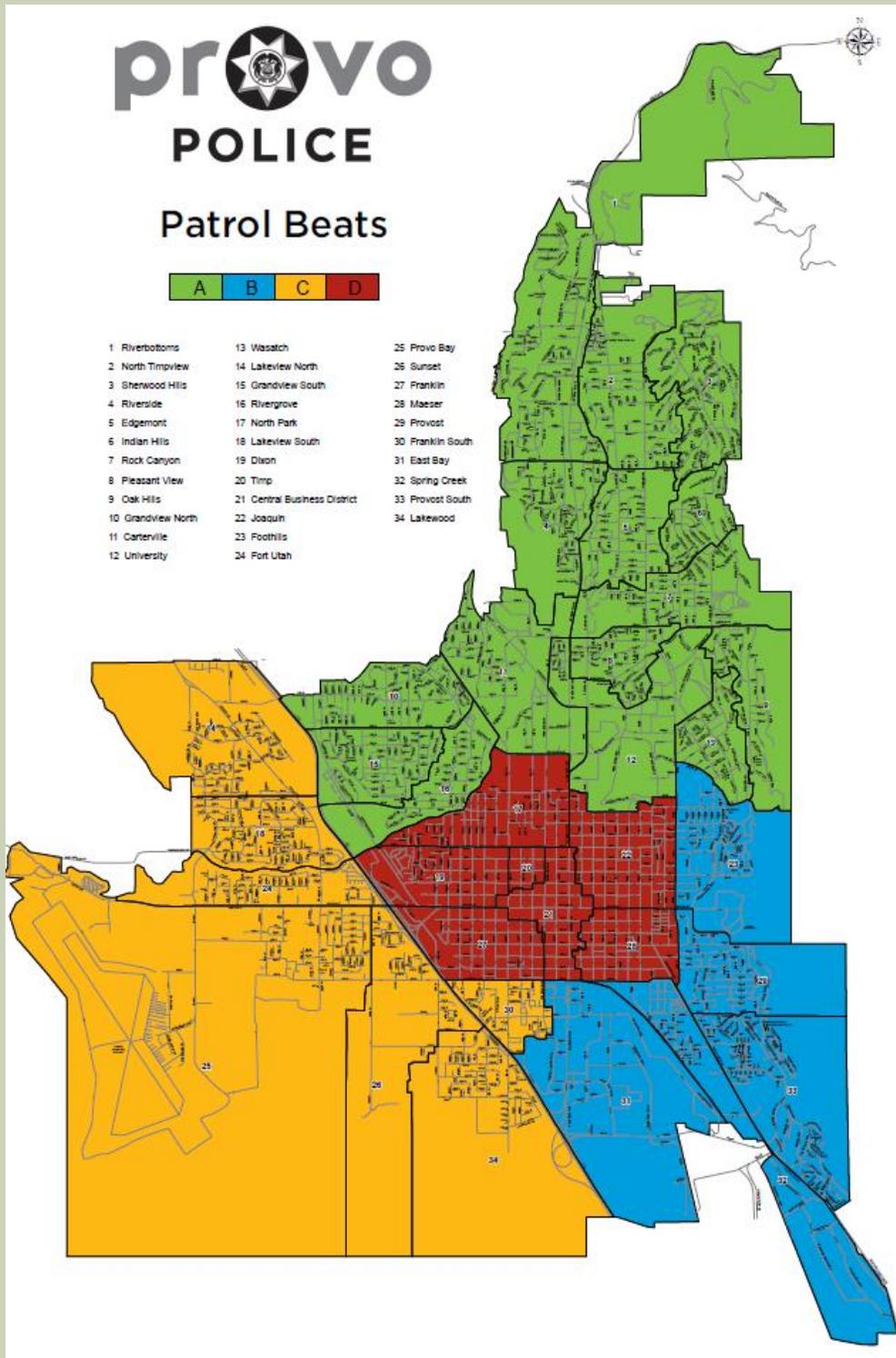
The primary objective of the Patrol Division is to protect the safety and security of all citizens living in, or visiting, Provo City.

The Patrol Division's daily efforts include much more than writing a ticket or taking a report; it means working with the community to prevent crime, proactively addressing traffic concerns and solving community problems. The partnership we have with our community is crucial to our success.



Patrol Division

Patrol Beats for Geographic Responsibility



Patrol Division

Joaquin Neighborhood Interaction



Patrol Division

Developing Community Partnerships



Getting out of our cars and getting to know the citizens we serve.



National Night Out
The 2015 event will be held
on Tuesday, August 4th .



Embracing opportunities
to teach and mentor the
youth of our community.

Patrol Division

Giving Back

Officer North and Officer Hunter provided Thanksgiving dinner to the tenants of the Best Motel.

They went to the motel on Thanksgiving Day, set up a table in the parking lot with turkey, potatoes, and all the trimmings then went door to door and invited everyone there to come have dinner. Several people walking by were also invited. They served approximately 15 people who were very grateful.



Patrol Division

Traffic Unit



The Traffic Unit is comprised of three officers and one sergeant. Traffic personnel are responsible for traffic enforcement as their primary mission of service while still assisting patrol officers for in-progress incidents, traffic accidents and other priority calls for service.

Our motor officers were utilized in several tactical deployments to ensure safety and traffic control throughout the year. These included various city sanctioned marathons/runs, the Freedom Festival, National Night Out, crosswalk enforcement details, river trail patrols, allied agency parades, funeral processions, and escorts for dignitary and national events.



Patrol Division

Animal Control



Our Animal Control officers handle animal bites, nuisance investigations and any other calls involving animals. They issue citations when needed and work closely with the Animal Shelter. They also help the community with an array of requests including the setting of traps to eliminate nuisances.

The Animal Control unit also assists our Patrol Division on major incidents, traffic control concerns and special events.

Patrol Division

Parking Enforcement



Our Provo City Parking Enforcement Unit plays an integral part in our success.

These officers write parking tickets, assist patrol officers on cases and help locate DUI's, stolen vehicles and missing persons.

Our parking enforcement officers attend patrol briefings on a daily basis to help them be informed on current situations and participate in any daily operational planning.

Patrol Division

K-9 Officers



*Officer Scott Nielsen
National Night Out Against Crime - August 2014*



*Officer Rory Rasmussen
Fall 2014 Citizens Academy*

Patrol Division

Mountain Rescue



The Provo City Mountain Rescue team is comprised of both Provo Police and Provo Fire members doing their part to keep outdoor adventurers in Provo safe.



Patrol Division

Bomb Squad



The Provo City Bomb Squad is comprised of explosive ordnance trained (EOD) personnel from the Provo Police Department and eight other statewide bomb squads. Together they serve as a task force that provides a first line response to incidents involving or suspected of involving explosives, Improvised Explosive Devices (IED), Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, Explosive (CBRNE) or other shock sensitive materials.



Special Operations Division

Under the command of Captain Cliff Argyle, the Special Operations Division is charged with the investigation of all types of criminal activity in the City of Provo.

This division is comprised of eight units: Criminal Investigations, Special Victims Unit, Special Enforcement Team, Utah County Major Crimes Task Force, Community Resource Officers, School Resource Officers, Victim Services and the Provo Police Volunteers (VIPs).

The primary goal for this unit is to ensure that all criminal investigations are complete and properly prepared for prosecution.



Special Operations Division

Criminal Investigations



On 5/21/14, officers responded to a homicide. The victim was a 60 year old female who was strangled in her home during the daytime. This case is still open and actively being investigated.



Between March 13th and July 19th detectives investigated 15 serial arson fires.

These occurred at abandoned homes and abandoned vehicles throughout the city.

There were a couple of hotspots, one at 4800 N. University Avenue and an area just south of the Utah Valley Hospital where several homes were burned.

After hundreds of detective and patrolman hours, a suspect was identified and will be charged.

Throughout the past year we have had four bank robberies. These were at AM Bank, Chase Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, and Utah Community Credit Union. Detectives made arrests in all four bank robberies and charges were filed.



Special Operations Division

Community Resource Officers



National Night Out Against Crime - August 2014

This past year our unit has focused on nurturing partnerships with our community, to include residents, agencies and service providers alike.

We have achieved this by:

- Running two Citizen Academies, adapting and adding new elements to classes as needed. Anyone interested in attending an academy can call 801.852.6271
- Organizing and hosting the National Night Out Against Crime event, which resulted in a good turnout from the community. *The 2015 event will be held on August 4th.*
- Supported an Eagle Scout in his efforts to complete a Child ID/Fingerprint project.
- Attended various public events, representing the Department and providing information to the public.
- Provided training/educational classes to private businesses, City Departments, and local agencies.
- Conducted personal safety presentations for preschools, youth groups, and other organizations within the community.
- Hosting a weekly information and intelligence meeting with key entities such as: Adult Parole and Probation, Adult Protective Services, DCFS, Wasatch Mental Health, Provo Housing, Provo City Community Development, Food and Care Coalition
- Enhanced the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS) program with a focus on recruitment and retention.
- Provided support to the Mobile Watch program, including recruitment and training assistance.

Special Operations Division

Community Resource Officers

Our officers have received special recognition by way of the following awards:

Wasatch Mental Health Community Partner Award

Presented to: Sgt. Crosby, Officer Patrick, Officer Jennings,
Officer Bascom

Elks Lodge Officer of the Year

Presented to: Sgt. Crosby



Sgt. Crosby receiving his Award at the Elks Lodge - November 2014

Special Operations Division

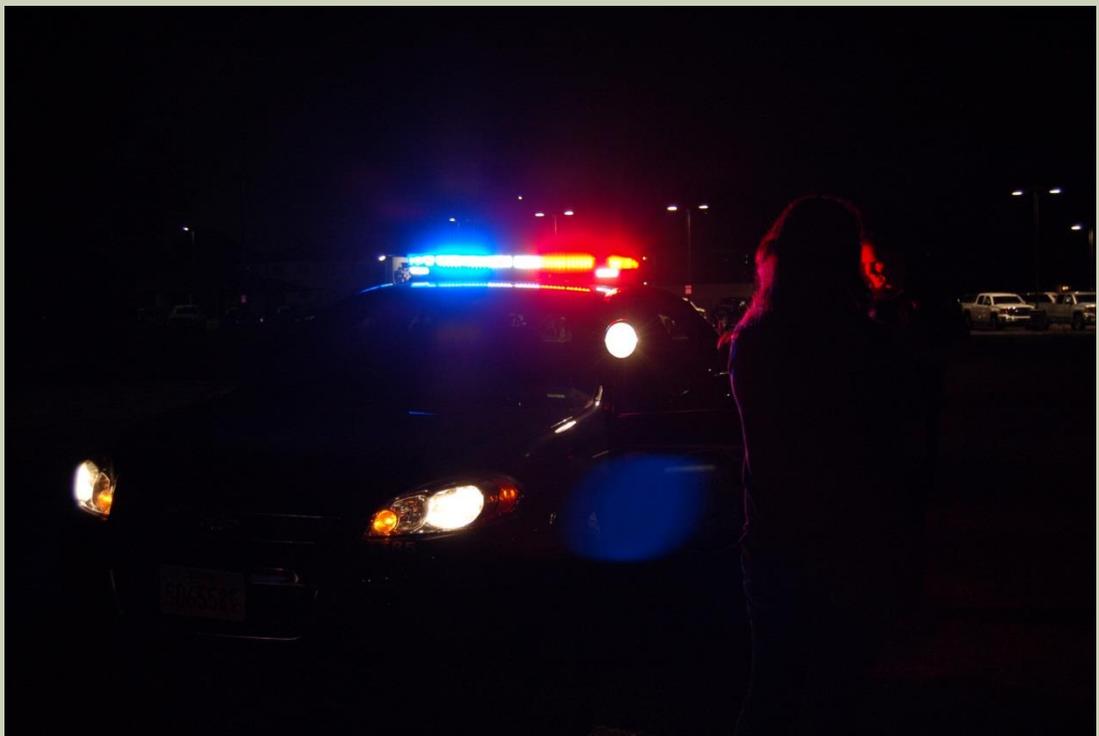
Special Enforcement Team

The Provo Special Enforcement Team is an undercover anti-crime unit focused on reducing the fear of crime in Provo City. This team had a very successful year investigating drug crimes and other crimes that are currently affecting the quality of life for the citizens of Provo.

Along with handling cases in the City, the SET team is actively involved with, and assists the Utah County Major Crimes Task Force.

There were several various special investigations and cases handled throughout the year:

- Sobriety Checkpoint
- Covert phone wire-tap investigation.
- Several texting while driving operations
 - This included joint coordination with the Traffic Enforcement Team and the News Media
- Several aggressive soliciting/panhandling stings in the Downtown area
- Covert bar details, to include drug investigations and impaired drivers
- 2 bike theft/vehicle burglary sting operations
- Assisted the Criminal Investigations Division on high priority cases
- Undercover operation involving a stolen firearm and a gang member



Special Operations Division

School Resource Officers

This past year our unit has focused on nurturing partnerships with the Provo School District and Community.

Unit Goals this year include:

Eliminate School Violence by helping to provide a safe and secure environment.
Provide effective representatives of the Provo Police Department within the each school.
Develop relationships with staff and students

Achievements:

We've continued our partnership with the fourth District Juvenile Drug Court
Supported an Eagle Scout in his efforts to complete a Child ID/Fingerprint project.
Conducted personal Safety presentations for preschools, youth groups, and other organizations within the community.
Hosted a Monthly information and intelligence meeting with key entities such as: Juvenile Probations Officers, County Attorney's Office, Lightning Peak coordinators and various school district officials.
Department DMC committee representatives and instructors.
Involved in gang and graffiti enforcement
Provided Security for most major Provo School district sporting events.
Provided advisors for the Provo City Police Explorer Program.
Each officer assigned to a high School, teaches a Law Enforcement class three days a week.
Continued to work and coordinate training for Provo School District personnel.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Amelia Earhart – Ryan McCarty
Canyon Crest – Darren Johnson
Edgemont – Dennis Pratt
Franklin – Kim Hawkins
Lakeview – Drew Daniels
Provo Peaks – Geovanni Guzman
Provost – Steve Oliverson
Rock Canyon – Dean Nielsen
Spring Creek - Melissa Hamilton
Sunset View – Clint Smith
Timpanogos - Carrie Rawlins
Wasatch Elementary – Rene Cunningham
Westridge – Cory Anderson

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Centennial Middle – Mitchell Swenson
Dixon Middle – Jarod Sites
Independence High – Lani Quisenberry
Provo High – Karen Brown
Timpview High – Todd McKee

Elks Lodge DARE Officer of the Year



Presented to: Officer Jay Mansanarez (far left)

Operational Support Services

Records Division



The Provo Police Records Division is essentially the hub of the police department. All paperwork for the Patrol Division is processed through their office. In addition, Records employees answer telephone calls and assist the public, police officers, dispatchers and both city and county attorney's offices.

Our Record Division continues to work on its goal of reducing paper by scanning data and case reports into electronic formats.

This division has also adopted the State's retention schedule and began purging older files.

Operational Support Services

Communications

The Provo Police Communication Center dispatches 24/7 for firefighters, paramedics, parking cadets, police and animal control officers.

Communication Specialists answer emergency and non-emergency phone calls for the police department.

A few highlights for 2014 were; arson fires, structure fires, traffic accidents, medical assists, and helping officers apprehend numerous suspects. One dispatcher, Becky Berge, helped deliver a baby over the phone.



Part I Crime

Statistics

Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) guidelines track eight “index Crimes” known also as Part I Crimes. The UCR system includes crimes that are most likely reported to the police and to occur with sufficient frequency to provide an adequate basis for comparison.

Part I crimes are reported to the FBI and include; Homicide, Rape, Robbery, Assault, Burglary, Theft and Arson.

Provo City experienced an -6% decrease in 2014 compared to 2013.

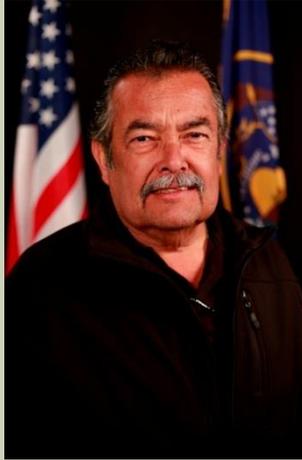


Retirements

Honoring the dedicated service of Provo Police employees



Captain Jerry Harper
35 years



Corporal Mike Ruiz
31 years



Sgt. Don Weidinger
26 years



Paulette Jerome
25 years



LouAnn Forshee
25 years



Lt Reed VanWagoner
19 years



Lt. Matt Siufanua
16 years

Police Alumni Association

Honoring the history of Provo Police Department



The Provo Police Department created an Alumni Association. We had our first Alumni luncheon and are distributing a quarterly newsletter to its members. We have plans for future gatherings including breakfasts, sporting events, and invitations to department functions such as promotions and our Annual Memorial Ceremony.

Provo Police Department has a proud tradition, we are excited about celebrating the history that was created by these amazing officers.



In Memoriam

Honoring Provo Police officers who made the ultimate sacrifice

Trent Halladay
July 22, 2006

Norman Kim Nisson
January 11, 1995

Frank J Tucker
June 16, 1904

William Strong
June 27, 1899

Albert H. Bowen
October 15, 1873



Provo Police Foundation

Striving for Excellence

The Provo Police Foundation is a subgroup of the Provo Foundation. This non-profit is a 501 (C) (3) organization and was formed in 2014 with the intent to raise funds for the Provo Police LEAD (Law Enforcement Aiming for Degrees) program.

The funds raised will supplement the City and Department funds which are earmarked to assist staff with affording a college education. The LEAD program will reimburse staff members up to 50% of their total costs for college courses which lead to a degree.

Chief King has stated, “The obtaining of a college degree is important to the development of any professional. This is especially true in policing where critical thinking and decision-making skills are regularly tested.”

The Police Department is moving forward with this ambitious program with the strong support of Mayor John Curtis. He recognized that the program’s goal of increasing the number of college graduates within the Police Department “will provide more well-rounded individuals who will be able to better serve the citizens of our City.”

Interested individuals and companies may make tax-deductible contributions made out to “Provo Foundation,” with a notation of “Police” in the memo section. The Federal Tax Exempt number is 12005250-002-STC.

