

UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL

ANNUAL REPORT



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2021 UHP ANNUAL REPORT

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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FROM THE COLONEL

On behalf of the Utah Highway Patrol, it is my honor to present the UHP's 2021 Annual Report to Department of Public Safety Commissioner Jess L. Anderson. This report provides a summary of the work, service, and accomplishments of this great law enforcement agency, and those who serve as Utah State Troopers.

The Utah Highway Patrol represents some of the greatest public safety professionals in the nation. We are proud of the commitment, work and service of these incredible men and women and we are grateful for the opportunity to serve all who call the great State of Utah home.

As we prepare to move into the new year, the Utah Highway Patrol continues to work closely with our law enforcement partners as we continue the incredibly important work of keeping Utah safe. We are grateful to be part of the Utah Department of Public Safety and for the opportunity to serve the great State of Utah. And, we are absolutely grateful for the incredible work and service of our Utah State Troopers!

*Colonel Michael S. Rapich
Deputy Commissioner
Utah Department of Public Safety / Utah Highway Patrol*

OUR MISSION

is to provide quality police services and to protect the constitutional rights of all people in Utah.



VISION

The Utah Highway Patrol sets the standard for excellence in law enforcement with professional service, building trust with each public interaction and demonstrating integrity and courage. Troopers are proactive in all efforts to enhance public safety through community outreach and effective enforcement. Troopers maintain the highest level of proficiency through continual training and education, particularly in issues critical to public safety.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Utah Code Annotated § 53-8, "Utah Highway Patrol Act"



VALUES

The Utah Highway Patrol has adopted six values that give us direction in all that we do:
Integrity, Service, Courage, Knowledge,
Teamwork & Professionalism.

FUNDING

The Department's budget for Fiscal Year 2021 was \$84 Million funded primarily by the State of Utah's General Fund.



ADMINISTRATION



COLONEL MICHAEL S. RAPICH
DEPUTY COMMISSIONER



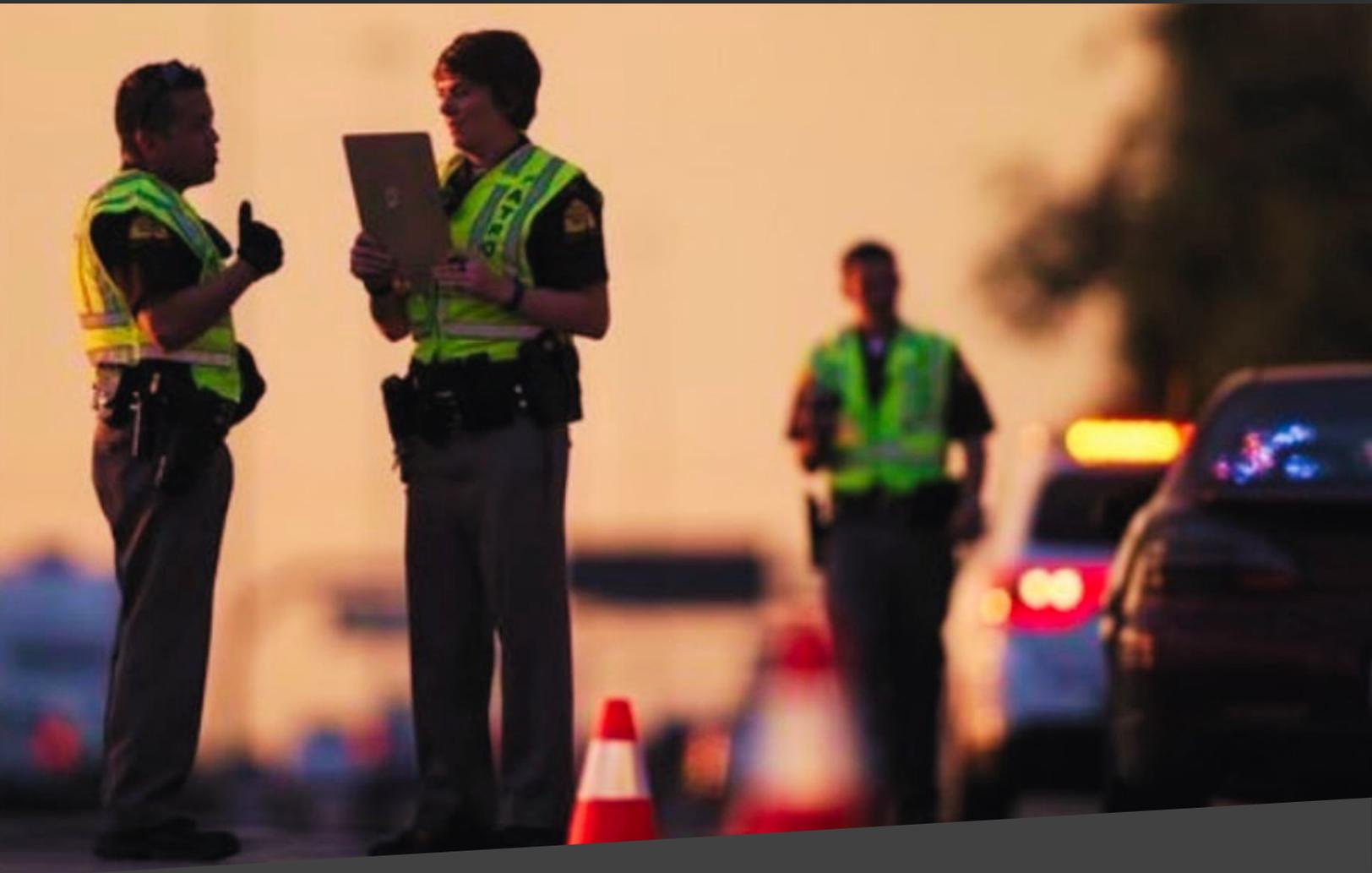
LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARK ZESIGER
SUPERINTENDENT



MAJOR BEAU MASON
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT



MAJOR JEFF NIGBUR
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

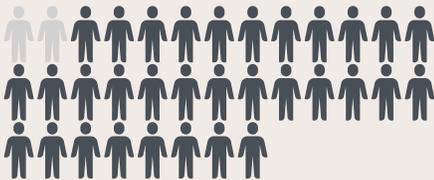


INTERNAL PERFORMANCE

YEAR IN REVIEW

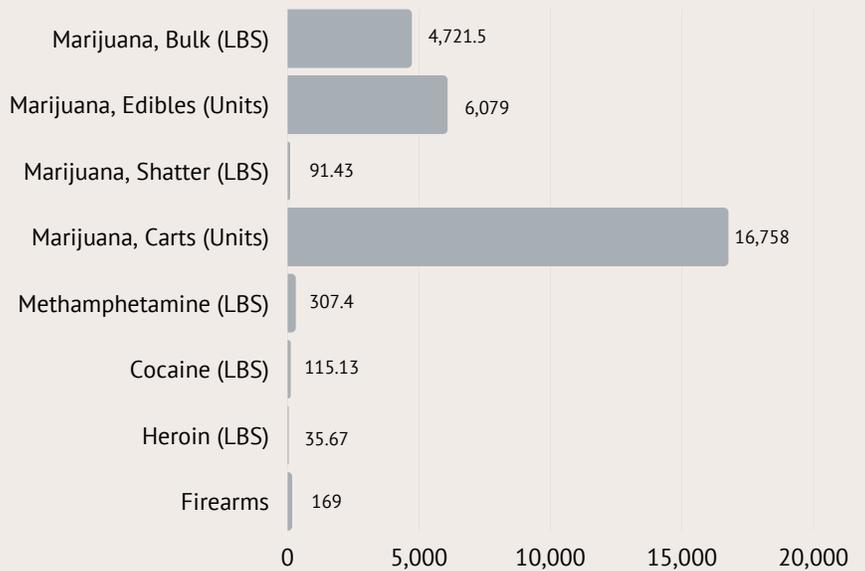
The Utah Highway Patrol is comprised of 458 Sworn Officers and 56 Civilians.

34 Troopers were hired in 2021.



(2) New Hires Separated Employment Within Their First Year

CRIMINAL INTERDICTION



280,013

Vehicle Stops



17,768

Vehicle Crashes Investigated



146,044

Citations Issued



22

Troopers Struck by Collisions



SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

GOVERNOR INAUGURATION

On January 4, 2021, Utah welcomed the newly elected Governor of the State of Utah. Governor Spencer Cox was sworn in as the 18th Governor of Utah at the inaugural oath of office ceremony early Monday afternoon. The Utah Highway Patrol was tasked with providing security for the inauguration ceremony, which was held at the Tuachan Center for the Arts in Ivins, Utah, the caravan to Fillmore, Fairview, Spanish Fork and eventually reaching the Utah State Capitol. There were approximately 478 attendees at the ceremony and UHP had an additional 54 sworn officers providing security. This included the DPS Commissioner Jess Anderson, Colonel Michael Rapich, several uniformed Troopers, PPU, SERT, Executive Protection and Aero Bureau. The Executive Protection Bureau also provided protection for newly elected Lieutenant Governor Deidre Henderson, former Governors Mike Leavitt, John Huntsman Jr. and outgoing Governor Gary Herbert. When the caravan reached Spanish Fork they were met by a group of protesters. Other than one minor incident, the ceremonial day went as planned. Once the caravan reached the Capitol, a firework show was set off from the south lawn of the capitol grounds with the capitol building in the background.



OFFICER INVOLVED CRITICAL INCIDENT (OICI)

On May 19, 2021, Section 14 troopers were assisting Juab County Deputies on a traffic stop near mile marker 200 I-15 NB. During the course of the investigation, the suspect stole a Juab County patrol SUV and fled northbound. Troopers pursued the vehicle until the vehicle became disabled. There was an exchange of gunfire between the troopers and the suspect. During this incident the suspect sustained injuries. Both troopers were unharmed. The suspect fled on foot and containment was quickly set up. Numerous agencies responded to assist with the search for the suspect. The suspect was eventually located and taken into custody without further incident. There were over a half dozen sections involved in this incident.

SANDSTORM

On July 25, 2021, Troopers investigated multiple collisions within a single traffic event resulting from an isolated sandstorm along I-15 near Kanosh, about 150 miles south of Salt Lake City. The event involved 22 separate vehicles and resulted in eight fatalities, including four children. Troopers responded from three adjacent counties to assist. The Utah Highway Patrol deployed their Major Crash Investigation Team (MCIT) and investigators from the Utah State Bureau of Investigations. Dispatchers and other first responders provided support and quick response to this tragic incident. Colonel Michael Rapich described the events as one of the worst he has seen in 29 years of service with the Utah Highway Patrol.

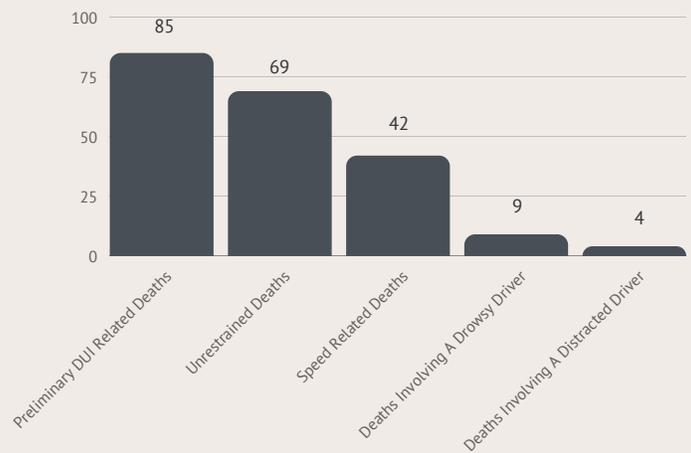
UHP CRASH SUMMARY

In 2021, the State of Utah saw a significant increase in total fatal crashes and fatalities. The Utah Highway Patrol realized a significant portion of this increase statewide.

141 Fatal Crashes | **166 Fatalities**
37% Increase from 2020 | *43% Increase from 2020*



CONTRIBUTING FACTORS



DUI ARRESTS BY AGENCY TYPE

	<i>FY2019</i>	<i>FY2020</i>	<i>FY2021</i>
Sheriff's Offices	1,234	1,175	1,295
City Police / Other	5,692	6,016	6,067
Highway Patrol	3,069	3,341	3,257
TOTAL ARRESTS	9,995	10,532	10,619

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division

DUI ARRESTS BY BAC

	<i>FY2019</i>	<i>FY2020</i>	<i>FY2021</i>
BAC Results Not Reported *	4,106	4,302	5167
.00 - .04	202	275	150
.05 - .07	370	488	387
.08 - .10	661	726	640
.11 - .15	1,401	1,386	1,184
.16 - .20	1,227	1,173	995
.21 - .25	725	591	514
.26 - .47	500	397	271
Refused BAC Test	803	1,194	1,311
TOTAL ARRESTS	9,995	10,532	10,619

Source: Utah Department of Public Safety, Driver License Division

**Arrestee may have submitted to a blood test, but the Driver License Division never received the results, or this was a DUI/drug-related arrest and there was no BAC.*



HOLIDAY ENFORCEMENT

The UHP places significant emphasis on holiday travel weekends. The following figures represent the safety enforcement efforts of 2021.

FOURTH OF JULY ENFORCEMENT

Date: July 2-5, 2021

Total Shifts Worked: 872

- Enforcement Overtime Shifts Worked: 36
- Vehicles Stopped: 3,927
- Citations Issued: 2,140
- Warnings Issued: 1,787
- DUI Arrests: 71
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 168
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 1

PIONEER DAY ENFORCEMENT

Date: July 23-25, 2021

Total Shifts Worked: 100

- Enforcement Overtime Shifts Worked: 32
- Vehicles Stopped: 2,769
- Citations Issued: 1,579
- Warnings Issued: 1,190
- DUI Arrests: 50
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 137
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 1

LABOR DAY ENFORCEMENT

Date: September 3-6, 2021

Total Shifts Worked: 812

- Enforcement Overtime Shifts Worked: 77
- Vehicles Stopped: 4,605
- Citations Issued: 2,508
- Warnings Issued: 2,097
- DUI Arrests: 59
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 166
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 3



HALLOWEEN ENFORCEMENT

Date: October 29-31, 2021

Total Shifts Worked: 638

- Enforcement Overtime Shifts Worked: 8
- Vehicles Stopped: 2,302
- Citations Issued: 1,285
- Warnings Issued: 1,017
- DUI Arrests: 53
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 127
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 5

THANKSGIVING ENFORCEMENT

Date: November 24-28, 2021

Total Shifts Worked: 978

- Enforcement Overtime Shifts Worked: 82
- Vehicles Stopped: 4,257
- Citations Issued: 2,539
- Warnings Issued: 1,715
- DUI Arrests: 56
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 180
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 2

CHRISTMAS ENFORCEMENT

Date: December 24-26, 2021

Total Shifts Worked: 473

- Enforcement Overtime Shifts Worked: 76
- Vehicles Stopped: 1,292
- Citations Issued: 654
- Warnings Issued: 638
- DUI Arrests: 21
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 120
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 3

NEW YEARS ENFORCEMENT

Date: December 31-January 1, 2022

Total Shifts Worked: 366

- Enforcement Overtime Shifts Worked: 7
- Vehicles Stopped: 2,728
- Citations Issued: 1,430
- Warnings Issued: 1,294
- DUI Arrests: 41
- Motor Vehicle Crashes: 63
- Fatal Motor Vehicle Crashes: 1



FROM THE FIELD



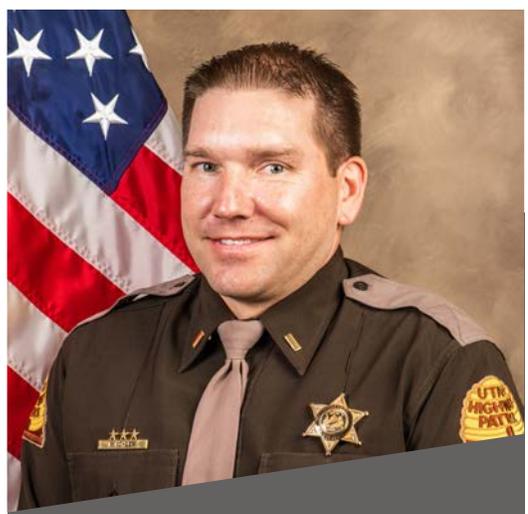
Section 1

NORTHERN BUREAU

Section 1, Section 2 & Section 3



Bureau Commander
CAPTAIN C. SIMMONS



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT B. KOHLER

Section 1 - Box Elder, Cache & Rich Counties

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 1 consists of one Lieutenant, four Sergeants, 24 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by three troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - Troopers in Section 1 have built many relationships with local agencies. Due to the large areas of coverage, section troopers are dependent on each other for backup on all major incidents. All law enforcement in the county received advanced law enforcement rapid response training (ALERRT) for active shooter incidents. The Lieutenant and Sergeants regularly attend meetings with local chiefs and sheriffs in order to collaborate on efforts to better serve the public. Troopers in Section 1 have completed several adopt a high school public education activities at local high schools.

Significant Events - Section 1 has seen a 75% increase in fatal crashes this year. In 2020, there were 8 fatal crashes. Troopers have investigated several violent head-on or near head-on crashes. The final crash of 2021, a Dodge Caravan, occupied by a female and her 4-year old daughter, lost control, struck the guardrail off the right side of the road and traveled into the opposing lane, where the van was struck broadside on the passenger side by a Ford F-350 pickup. The violent impact killed the driver of the Caravan. The 4-year old was buckled properly in her car seat and was transported to a local hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The driver of the pickup was also transported to the hospital with minor injuries.

2021 has also proven to be a record year for DUI arrests in Section 1. In 2021, Troopers arrested 182 individuals for DUI, compared to 144 for all of 2020, a 26% increase.

A significant example of our DUI enforcement, involved the arrest of a reported reckless driver at 2:30 in the afternoon. The man ultimately ended up blowing a 0.371 into the intoxilyzer.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT J. CHENEY

Section 2 - Morgan & Weber Counties

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 2 has one Lieutenant, four Sergeants, 23 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been under staffed by four troopers most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 2 troopers work consistently with Weber County Deputies, with the majority of their interactions being back-up on traffic stops or other calls for service. Partnerships also include monthly meetings with Chiefs and Sheriffs from surrounding agencies to collaborate on enforcement efforts.

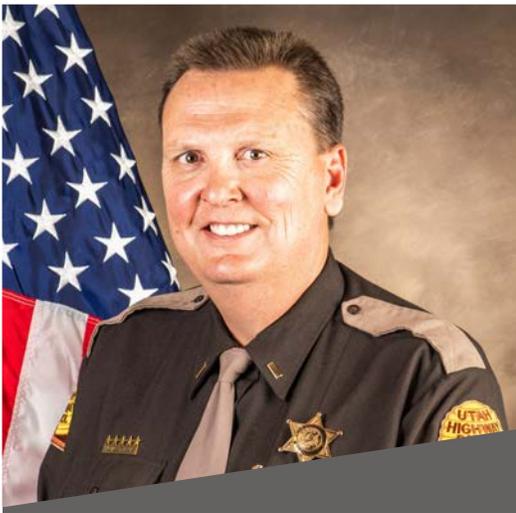
Significant Events - On January 1, 2021, a trooper was stationary on the shoulder of I-15 when a passenger car drifted off the road and struck the trooper's vehicle. The trooper had minor injuries and the driver was investigated for DUI.

On March 30, 2021, a semi hauling an explosive crashed on I-84 near Croydon. This caused westbound lanes to be closed for most of the day as multiple agencies worked together to formulate a plan to clean it up without causing further damage.

On June 8, 2021, a fire was started in Morgan County near East Canyon Reservoir. Section 2 troopers assisted local agencies with evacuations in the canyon. SR-66 was closed until June 9, 2021.

On August 31, 2021, a trooper responded to assist on a crash that was blocking all lanes on a blind corner on I-15. The trooper initiated a slow down to stop oncoming traffic from going through the scene and was hit by a semi truck.

On February 13, 2021, dispatch advised of a wrong-way vehicle on I-84 near the Summit/Morgan border. The vehicle was located by UHP Summit County units and fled. The vehicle was later located near Croyden where it fled again. A pursuit was initiated and was eventually spiked. The vehicle came to a stop in the median and the driver fled on foot, but was apprehended on the roadside by troopers.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT M. MCKAY

Section 3 - Davis County

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 3 has one Lieutenant, four Sergeants, 22 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been under staffed by seven troopers most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 3 has established ongoing partnerships with allied agencies. Section 3 has monthly meetings with the local Chief's Association to evaluate best practices and establish contacts for more effective communication. This past year troopers have been called upon six times to help local agencies with fatal crash investigations, providing drone services and total station diagramming. Section 3 has responded as backup numerous times and has established a good working relationship with other agencies within the county.

Significant Events - On September 9, 2021, a male in a passenger car was involved in multiple incidents in different cities, including aggravated kidnapping and aggravated assault throughout the day and night. In the early hours of September 10, the male carjacked a female in Clearfield. Shots were fired at the female in the carjacking. The male fled in the victim's vehicle. A Corporal located the vehicle and a pursuit was initiated. The vehicle was successfully spiked, came to a stop, and the suspect fled on foot. The suspect fled into a neighborhood and multiple agencies responded to attempt to locate the individual. A DPS helicopter responded to assist with the search. Troopers assisted with containment while Davis County SWAT looked for the individual. This was a multi-agency effort that demonstrated the importance of our working relationships established with allied agencies.

NORTH CENTRAL BUREAU

Section 7, Section 8 & Section 15



Bureau Commander
CAPTAIN J. KINCAID



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT R. RICHEY

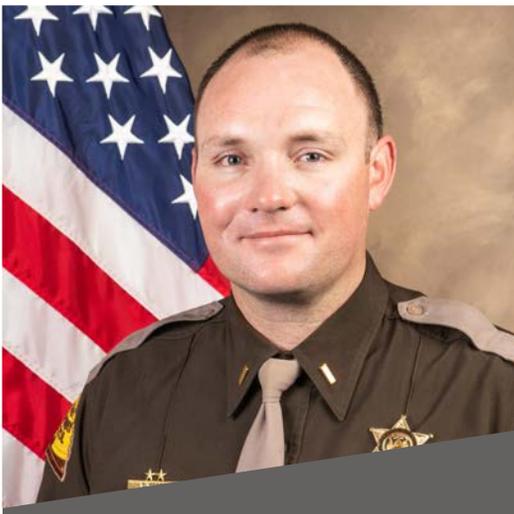
Section 7 - Summit & Wasatch Counties

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 7 has one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, 15 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by three troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - Troopers regularly work alongside Summit and Wasatch County Sheriff's Offices and local agencies on a wide variety of incidents. UHP has also assisted local agencies in other areas, such as their promotional process, in order to enhance our working relationships.

Significant Events - On March 30, 2021, a trooper made contact with a stranded motorist on I-80 near Wanship. The vehicle had a lone 88-year-old male driver, who seemed confused and lost. A records check revealed that the man was missing/endangered out of Washington State. It was discovered his son reported him missing when he failed to arrive at his home as expected. The family was ultimately notified their father had been located and flew into Utah to take him home. The trooper took the man to the section office and stayed with him until the family arrived.

On October 27, 2021, a Trooper made a traffic stop for speeding on I-80 in the area of milepost 140. The vehicle was occupied by an adult female and two juvenile females. The vehicle was found to be stolen out of Las Vegas, and shortly after the vehicle fled from the traffic stop. Due to existing conditions, Troopers did not pursue the vehicle and the vehicle was later located off the freeway. Troopers conducted a high risk stop and two female juveniles fled on foot. Troopers were able to apprehend both juveniles before they crossed a busy roadway. Working with DCFS and the DPS Victim's Advocate it was discovered both juveniles were listed missing. Multiple missing persons flyers located on social media indicated the two juveniles had been missing since September 10th.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT C. MCCOY

Section 8 - Tooele County

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 8 has one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, 12 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by three troopers and one sergeant for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 8 troopers have fostered a great relationship with the local agencies in Tooele county. Troopers have assisted the Tooele County Sheriff's Office in many ways, such as diagramming accident scenes with drones and total station, and responding as backup. In return, all of the local agencies have supported UHP with DUI checkpoints and day to day incidents.

Significant Events - On February 11, 2021, UHP received notice that a triple homicide suspect out of California was traveling through Tooele County on I-80. Troopers, county deputies, Star 9, and SERT worked together to create a plan. The vehicle was located and spiked. Shortly after, it came to a stop and the occupants were taken into custody without incident.

On August 1, 2021, Tooele County experienced torrential rain. A large storm cell released a large amount of rainfall in about an hour's time above the Oquirrh Mountains. Flash flooding occurred and a large amount of water rushed out of Soldier Canyon near Stockton. The culverts and ditches were quickly overwhelmed. A portion of SR-36 was closed for nearly five hours while approximately two feet of water, mud, and trees flowed across SR-36 and into Rush Lake. Troopers from Section 8 quickly responded and closed the highway until the flooding subsided and was cleaned up by UDOT.

On October 15th, the annual DUI checkpoint was held in Wendover near the port of entry at milepost three. Over 30 officers from Section 16, 8, 4, the State Bureau of Investigation, Tooele County Sheriff's Office, Wendover City Police Department, members of Utah Department of Transportation, and Incident Management Team assisted with the checkpoint. During the checkpoint two DUIs were arrested, 112 pounds of marijuana was seized, two subjects were arrested for NCIC warrants out of different states and two ounces of methamphetamine were seized, along with two firearms. In total, eight arrests were made. Hundreds of vehicles were contacted and multiple citations were issued for open containers and seatbelts.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT H. WATKINS

Section 15 - UTIP & Vehicle Safety

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 15 has one Lieutenant, six Sergeants, 23 Troopers and two Records Managers. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by seven troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - Troopers partner frequently with local agencies. For example, Section 15 troopers have worked with Park City Police Department to place an emphasis on brake-related crashes within city limits. Troopers have also held concentrated projects in high crash areas and assisted UDOT with projects in Cache County near the newly installed runaway truck ramp on SR89. Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Agents work frequently with UHP Troopers in enforcement projects and in educational outreach efforts. Troopers are educating more carriers on driver safety annually. UDOT partners in the ports of entry are also valuable assets in promoting efforts against human trafficking and enforcement efforts aimed at targeting driver behaviors that cause crashes.

Significant Events - On February 7, 2021, Section 15 crews, along with UDOT port of entry agents, completed a DUI blitz at several ports of entry for Super Bowl 55. Crews performed 74 inspections on trucks with 12 non-out-of-service violations.

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On February 22, 2021, Section 15 conducted overweight and uncovered load enforcement on Highway 89 in Perry. UTIP conducted 19 trucks inspected, 4 uncovered load violations, 2 overweight vehicles, and 13 other violations.

On August 27, 2021, a crash was reported in Nephi. Multiple vehicles and semi trucks were involved. One semi was on its side and had spilled approximately 600 gallons of laundry detergent into a storm drain. UTIP responded and completed an inspection of the trucks and driver log books. Over hour violations were found for both drivers involved, both drivers have prior violations with our UTIP officers. Further investigation found that DOT is in the process of revoking the company's DOT number.

Accomplishments - Troopers received additional training in the identification, documentation, and enforcement of equipment laws.



Troopers were provided toolkits specifically designed to confirm equipment violations such as: window tint meter, measuring tape, tire tread depth gauge and tire pressure gauge.

Vehicle Repair Order (VRO) process is in place.

Section 15 troopers have partnered with UDOT to enhance public outreach programs inside the Port of Entry, such as truckers against trafficking, annual top hands training and competition, and assistance with National Association of Inspector Championships.

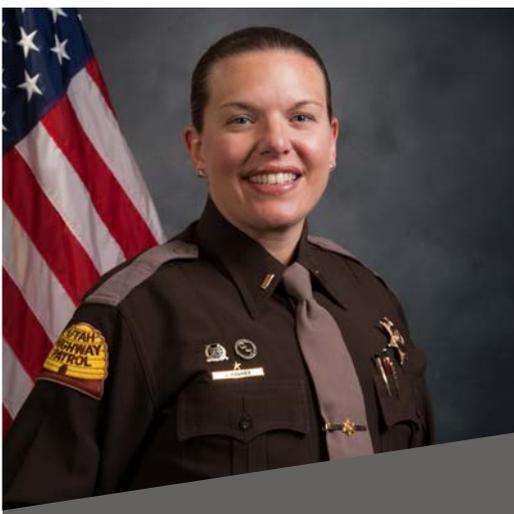
2021 saw UTIP Troopers engage in frequent DUI enforcement activities and targeted human trafficking during night time projects. Several troopers made alcohol DUI and drug arrests, to include a drug interdiction load.

SOUTH CENTRAL BUREAU

*Section 4, Section 16
& Special Operations*



Bureau Commander
CAPTAIN J. GARCIA



Section Commanders
LIEUTENANTS J. HAWKES

Section 4 - Salt Lake County

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 4 has two Lieutenants, 12 Sergeants, 58 Troopers, and 2 Records Managers. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by 18 troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - Troopers in Section 4 continually work with local agencies to foster relationships. They work to assist in significant instances that occur off the interstate such as shootings, officer involved critical incidents, vehicle pursuits and many other services. One particular event involved a homicide that occurred in the city but went mobile. Troopers coordinated with local agencies to apprehend the suspect.



LIEUTENANTS N. SWALLOW

Significant Events - Four Troopers were hit in their patrol cars. A Sergeant was hit by a drunk driver who was traveling on the shoulder. He was off for one month before he was able to come back to work and is still dealing with injuries from the crash.

On March 30, 2021, a Corporal responded to a pedestrian in traffic. When the Corporal arrived on scene the pedestrian jumped over the structure wall. As the pedestrian was falling, the Corporal was able to grab him by his sweatpants. He held onto him for about 16 seconds until a few citizens ran over to help pull the pedestrian back to safety.

On February 17, 2021, SR-201 Westbound iced over near 6000 West. This caused a chain reaction of crashes over a quarter mile. All lanes were blocked and traffic was shut down for 1.5 hours. A total of 12 vehicles were involved in five different crashes with no serious injuries.

On June 6, 2021, a local agency received a phone call for a domestic in progress. The male subject was chasing his mother with a steak knife and trying to stab her. When the local agency arrived on scene, the subject fled in a vehicle and entered I-15. Shortly after it became disabled, and a trooper made contact with the driver. A fight ensued. The trooper wrestled with the suspect for a few minutes before a citizen assisted him in getting the suspect detained. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident.

Accomplishments - Salt Lake County has a high number of single vehicle crashes. To be more efficient and to provide better customer service to the citizens of Utah, a crash referral program was started. Any single vehicle crash, with no injuries and no crimes committed, will be moved off the freeway in an accelerated manner. This practice will reduce the number of secondary crashes, increase traffic flow, and allow for better time management among troopers.

The South Central Bureau had a leadership meeting with Sergeants and Lieutenants with a focus of becoming more efficient leaders, by developing skills, abilities, and styles while maintaining consistency. Topics discussed included Culture- “Thorough, Competent and Professional”; Leadership Accountability in regards to coaching, counseling mentoring, discipline and recognition, core competencies and networking.

TRAFFIC STOPS: 18,376

- 11,233 - Speed
- 1,681- Seatbelts
- 2,512 - Equipment
- 183 - DUI
- 37 - Reckless Driving
- 112 - Distracted Driving

Motorcycle Squad

Staffing Levels - When fully staffed, the Motorcycle Squad has one full time coordinator and 21 additional motor officers.



Partnerships - Members of the motor squad partner with field sections to provide focused and strategic enforcement with a desire to reduce traffic collisions, injuries and deaths throughout the state.

The UHP motorcycle squad partnered with West Jordan and West Valley police departments for several enforcement projects on Bangerter Highway and Mountain View Corridor with great success.

Significant Events - The motorcycle squad participated in 51 special events, many of which were several days long. As events were cancelled, the motorcycle squad used the time for more enforcement based events. These shifts were in high traffic areas, construction zones, and problematic areas.

Enforcement - Enforcement blitzes took place in 12 counties.

Accomplishments - Established a dedicated full time enforcement squad.

Created an equipment database that will assist in tracking inventory and issued items which will assist in future planning and expenditure purchases.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT B. SHELBY

Section 16 - Canine Team & DUI Squad

The Criminal Interdiction and K9 Team are Special Enforcement Teams assigned to Section 16 of the Utah Highway Patrol. Section 16 is housed in Murray, next to the Section 4 Field Office. Criminal Interdiction and K9 Troopers are assigned to Section 16, on a part time basis, throughout the state. The Interdiction and K9 Teams support the 14 UHP Field Section with Criminal Interdiction Enforcement and Training throughout the state. Criminal Interdiction and K9 Troopers are selected for their proficiency in locating and identifying subjects involved in criminal activity, while assigned to their field sections.

Once assigned to Section 16, Criminal Interdiction and Narcotic K9 Troopers spend their shifts conducting high visibility traffic enforcement of the UHP's proactive enforcement goals, in an effort to interdict subjects involved in criminal activity.

Additionally, 4 Explosive K9's are assigned to Section 18 at the Utah State Capitol. They provide physical security to legislative, executive, and judicial branches of the state government, assist with explosive sweeps, and conduct evidence searches throughout the state.

TOTAL DEPLOYMENTS: 750
(373 Narcotic Deployments, 27 Patrol Deployments)

Suspects Apprehended (Bite): 0

Suspects Apprehended (No Bite): 11

Total Narcotic Deployment: 373

Illegal Narcotics Seized

- Marijuana
 - Bulk: 4495 lbs
 - Edibles: 3891 units
 - Shatter: 56 lbs
 - Carts: 13,386 units
- Methamphetamine: 272 lbs
- Cocaine: 106 lbs
- Heroin: 19.27 lbs
- Mushrooms: 21 lbs
- MDMA: 2.23 lbs.
- Fentanyl Pills: 139,568
- Fentanyl Powder: 17 lbs
- Currency: \$561,597
- Firearms: 56 handguns, 12 longguns

Total Explosive Ordinance Detection: 350

K9 Community Demonstrations: 51

Canine Team

Significant Events - Criminal Interdiction and K9 Troopers were busy throughout 2021 seizing hundreds of pounds of narcotic contraband, firearms and narcotic currency. Aside from these significant narcotics related seizures, interdiction troopers made multiple other noteworthy impacts: locating homicide suspects, recovering missing juveniles and locating amber alert subjects.

In May, while working eastbound traffic on I-70, a trooper stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. While investigating the stop, the trooper became suspicious of criminal behavior. Subsequent interviews resulted in the recovery of a missing runaway juvenile from California and narcotic contraband. The juvenile was transported to the Richfield Juvenile Justice Center, where he was reunited with family the following day.

While working eastbound traffic on I-70 in Sevier County, a trooper stopped a vehicle for traffic violations. While investigating the stop, the trooper became suspicious of criminal activity. A subsequent search and contraband seizure led to the identification of a Homicide victim and suspect in Arizona.

While working westbound traffic on I-70 in Sevier County, a Sergeant was made aware of an amber alert. The Sergeant located the vehicle involved and activated a plan to safely stop the vehicle. The stop resulted in the recovery of a kidnapped juvenile from Colorado and arrest of the adult male suspect from California.

Accomplishments - Five new canines were added in 2021. Luka (Narcotic/Patrol), Section 16; Javy (Narcotic/Patrol), Section 16; Knox (Narcotic/Patrol), Section 8; Dutch (Explosive/Patrol), Section 18; and Bruno (Explosive/Patrol), Section 18.



TOTAL DUI ARRESTS: 317



DUI Squad

Staffing Levels - When fully staffed, Section 16 has one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, 10 Troopers and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by six troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - The DUI squad maintains professional relationships with field section troopers throughout the state, the State Bureau of Investigations Alcohol Enforcement Team, and many local police agencies throughout the State of Utah. Together they focus on over service at restaurants, and any community gathering that will draw in large crowds such as County Fan Fest, rodeos, and fairs. Additionally, the DUI squad plans special enforcement around holiday weekend travel and events, such as Little Sahara Easter weekend and state park gatherings.

Significant Events - During 2021, Section 16 conducted numerous DUI Enforcement Blitzes on holiday and other high profile weekends throughout the state. Formal statewide "blitzes" were conducted on New Years, Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's, Easter, Memorial Day, 4th of July, 24th of July, Labor Day and Halloween. Each of these blitzes resulted in significant DUI Enforcement efforts throughout the state, leading to dozens of DUI Arrests and safer roadways.

Section 16 Troopers assisted field sections with area coverage and on significant events throughout the state. Troopers assisted on multiple serious injury and fatal wrong way crashes in Section 4. One incident involved a wrong-way driver, DUI fatality. Section 16 Troopers located and arrested the DUI Driver that had caused the crash and fled the scene. Troopers were able to investigate, arrest, and charge the suspect in the Automobile Homicide case.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT C. NYE



Special Operations - Public Protection Unit, Dive & SERT Teams

Public Protection Unit

Total Number of Deployments = 7

In 2021 the Public Protection Unit had considerably fewer deployments compared to 2020 (over 50). In 2020, the majority of PPU deployments dealt with civil unrest.

Significant Events - In January, the PPU team simultaneously deployed the team to St. George and the State Capitol for the Governor's inauguration.

In April, the team deployed to the State Capitol in anticipation of civil unrest after a high profile case that received national attention. Fortunately, there were no major problems.

In September, the team was requested to augment Section 18 troopers with the Satanic Temple's reproductive rights events. The team members actively worked that event making it a safe place for pro-choice and pro-life participants. Due to the team being out and visible among the crowd, there were no incidents associated with this free speech event.

The Public Protection Unit spent the year continuing to train for civil unrest and events that could require our response. In July, the team went through a two day training that included exposure to Molotov cocktails being thrown at team members during the training. Additional training consisted of preparing for protestors using locking devices to disrupt businesses or commerce, and cutting individuals out of sleeping dragons and down from tripods.

The team culminated the year with a joint training exercise in November. PPU, SERT, and SBI trained together to help identify roles and transition of command from one team (PPU) to another (SERT) should we go from civil unrest to active shooter. With SBI we worked on how to recover an undercover agent should they be compromised in the crowd.

Accomplishments - All team members are properly trained in Level 1 standard.

Participated in monthly training to enhance proficiency and safety.

All troopers trained in mobile field force (MFF) and received necessary equipment.

Trained to support crowd management operations.

CALLS FOR SERVICE: 8

RECOVERIES:

- People - 8
- Property - 2



TOTAL OPERATIONS: 74

- Executive Protection Assists: 5
- PPU & Capitol Assists: 7
- DPS/JSOG High Risk: 36
- SBI Warrant Assists: 13
- Outside Agency Assist: 13
 - These totals do not reflect targets scouted, but not served, or the many occasions that SERT has been put on stand-by or call out status, but cancelled prior to arrival.

TOTAL SEARCH WARRANTS EXECUTED: 26

- DPS Search Warrants: 13
- DPS Assist Search Warrants: 13

Night Time No Knock Authorized: 20

Night Time No Knock Used: 11

Knock and Announce: 12

Flash Bangs Planned: 4

Flash Bangs Used: 3

Dive Team

Training Exercises - All team members were tested and passed a physical fitness test in accordance with the International Association of Dive Rescue Specialists.

All team members passed a medical physical deeming them suitable for diving by a doctor with hyperbaric and dive related illnesses.

Achieved FEMA Type II Public Safety Dive Team Typing during the calendar year.

Executed fourteen 8-hour training days to the 10 team members (this would equal up to 1,120 total hours of training received).

Held an assessment to replace openings on the team due to retirement and assignment changes. Two new members were added to the team.

Accomplishments - Added two additional certified divers to the DPS Dive Team; Obtained type II FEMA rating; Added two part-time support staff positions; Obtained an underwater remote operated vehicle to improve team capabilities.

SERT Team

Significant Events - January - SERT played a vital role, with the assistance of the DPS Aero Bureau, in securing the Tuacahn amphitheater and surrounding terrain for the 2021 Inauguration for Governor Spencer Cox. SERT supplied several overwatch and QRF teams throughout the valley to respond to any dangerous threat.

May – SERT was requested to assist area troops near Yuba for an outstanding suspect who stole a deputy's patrol vehicle and patrol rifle. The suspect fled from law enforcement, and ultimately engaged in a gun fight with several of our state troopers before fleeing on foot with the rifle. SERT was requested to track the suspect and locate him. With the assistance of the DPS Aero Bureau, SERT was able to insert two sniper teams into strategic positions to secure the valley floor and monitor the Sevier River for suspect movement. A tracking team was assigned and quickly picked up on the suspect's tracks and ultimately located the suspect hiding in the river under a ledge where he was taken into custody.

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July – SERT was deployed to a barricaded suspect who was actively shooting at law enforcement from concealment inside of a residence in West Jordan City. SERT immediately deployed a sniper team and an immediate action team at the residence. Utilizing sound containment strategies, the MRAP, and robotic equipment, SERT was able to take the suspect into custody and safely clear the residence. The only damage incurred to the residence was from the suspect discharging the firearms through doors and windows.



November – SERT received a high risk warrant from SBI Narcotics to a residence in Salt Lake County. During the warrant service, several firearms and large distribution amounts of meth were seized. Four adult suspects were taken into custody. The most rewarding aspect of this operation for the team was the recovery of 5 juveniles who were living in extremely dangerous and unhealthy conditions given the criminal activity their handlers were involved in. The residence was ultimately condemned, and DCFS immediately removed all juveniles from the residence and custody of the adult suspects.

December – SERT received a high risk warrant from SBI Major Crimes. This case involved outstanding freeway shooters. Major Crimes was able to conduct a thorough investigation and identify the suspect who resides in Salt Lake County. Due to his extremely violent tendencies, SERT was able to extensively surveil this suspect, and arrest the suspect away from his residence while he exited a grocery store near Kimball Junction. SERT then returned to the target's residence and cleared the residence where the evidence of the original crime was located and seized.

Accomplishments - DPS SERT exceeded the recommendations set by the National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) for 16 hours of proficiency training per month.

SERT has also contributed to DPS with valuable training courses in the areas of POST Active Shooter, SBI Warrant School, BTOC, DPS In-Service, High Risk Stops, Containment Protocols, Basic Sniper School, Less Lethal courses, and much more. For 2021, the total instructor hours contributed to DPS personnel by SERT operators was approximately 900 hours.

SOUTHEAST BUREAU

Section 5, Section 9,
Section 10 & Section 13



Bureau Commander
CAPTAIN S. SALAS



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT B. GEHRING

Section 5 - Daggett, Duchesne & Uintah Counties

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 5 has one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, 12 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by four troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships- In 2021, Section 5 troopers partnered with local radio stations. Troopers recorded public safety messages surrounding the top five initiatives from the Strategic Plan. Troopers were able to provide their own personal touch to these messages, to encourage compliance in speed, seatbelt, DUI, distracted driving and equipment violations. The radio stations play these public safety announcements every holiday weekend. Additionally, troopers have a strong partnership with the local agencies in their areas.

Unfortunately, in 2021, two local police officers passed away. Due to the close working relationship troopers have with these agencies, both deaths impacted our section in significant ways. Section troopers assisted with both funerals, and handled calls for service for both agencies during this time.

Significant Events - Troopers from Section 5 attended a flag ceremony at the request of the PRCA Xtreme Bull Madness group. The group wanted to show their appreciation to local law enforcement officers in Vernal. The officers held out a large flag in the arena, while the announcer highlighted each agency and thanked them for their service.

Throughout the year, the Sergeants of section five would hold their normal crew meetings to disseminate information to the Troopers. This past year however a power hour concept was initiated. Following the meeting, all members would select an area and saturate with enforcement and presence. These power hour events have made a huge impact each time they were done, both on social media and even on the local radio stations. The initiation of power hours has improved the safety of the communities in the Uintah Basin.

During the summer of 2021, the CORSA America Rally had a route through the Uintah Basin on SR-40 on their way to Aspen Colorado. Dozens of high dollar sports cars traveling at speeds in excess of 100 MPH passed through the section. Section troopers came together quickly to help maintain safety and reason, maintaining presence and citing several vehicles traveling over 100 mph.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT C. PARKINS

Section 9 - Carbon & Emery Counties

Staffing Levels - When fully staffed, Section 9 has one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, 13 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by one trooper for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 9 troopers are heavily involved in community engagement and take every opportunity they can to participate in community events. In 2021, section personnel worked with the elementary schools to help build leadership and community skills during a project involving a mock city government and interviews with 5th graders. Halloween allowed the opportunity to engage the community and participate in the 2nd annual first responders trick or treat event. Troopers also train with local law enforcement agencies in active shooter drills and a tri-county training with the local sheriffs. These events ensure that troopers, dispatchers, deputies, and city officers are prepared to handle situations that require them to work in conjunction with each other.



Significant Events - On April 14, 2021, Troopers assisted Price City Police Department responding to a report of a stabbing. A Trooper and Officers from Price City Police Department were the first on scene and found the suspect in a nearby yard with a knife in hand. The Trooper and Officer provided lethal cover while the Officer deployed a taser. During the fight to secure the suspect, it was discovered that he had severed his right hand completely, including the radial artery. After the suspect was as secure as possible, the Trooper applied a CAT tourniquet to the upper extremity, as close to the torso as possible. Doctors credited the Trooper with potentially saving the suspect's life.

On December 27, 2021, a Greyhound bus was traveling on I-70. The bus was occupied by approximately 37 passengers and a driver. The bus veered off the right side of the roadway, traveling approximately 100 yards before overturning. Ambulances from Carbon, Emery, Wayne, Sevier, and Sanpete counties were dispatched to the scene as well as fire and search and rescue personnel. In all, 20 persons were transported with varying injuries. Troopers from sections 9, 10, and 15 responded, as well as agents from SBI and MCIT.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT C. MORGAN

Section 10 - Garfield, Sanpete, Sevier & Wayne Counties

Staffing Levels - When fully staffed, Section 10 has one Lieutenant, 3 Sergeants, 17 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by two troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 10 Troopers have great relationships with every police agency in the five counties they cover. They have improved and relied on these partnerships over the last year as call volumes have increased. Section troopers also have a relationship with every school. Troopers from Section 10 have taught drivers education and attended assemblies in every high school in the area. Presentations have also been made in elementary and middle schools throughout the section. Supervisors in Section 10 sit on several boards from seatbelt coalitions to local emergency planning commissions and attend several meetings with the public and other stakeholders in all 5 counties.

Significant Events - Throughout most of June and July, Capitol Reef experienced flooding that shut State Road 24 completely down for several hours covering several miles. The roads through these canyons were sometimes under 4-6 feet of water and debris. UDOT, Wayne County Sheriff's Office and Capital Reef Rangers helped with traffic control and clean-up of each of these events. The road was shut down or travel was restricted through the area over 20 times.



In May, as local schools were closing up for the year, there was a carnival setup at the park in Richfield. During the fair, a major crash happened on the road right next to the carnival where approximately 200 people were enjoying the evening. The wreck killed one passenger in a vehicle and significantly injured 2 others. The results of the investigation caused UHP and SBI to file murder charges on the driver that caused the wreck. She is still awaiting trial.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT T. ROBERTS

Section 13 - Emery, Grand, San Juan & Wayne Counties

Staffing Levels - When fully staffed, Section 13 has one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, 13 Troopers and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by one trooper for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 13 works closely with local agencies to engage in community outreach, education, and enforcement. Troopers participated in two San Juan county DUI checkpoints in 2021, along with providing traffic control for multiple events such as running races, road biking, construction, and school zone enforcement projects with Moab city and Blanding city police departments. Troopers also partnered with Colorado State Patrol for the Border 2 Border seatbelt campaign, and the Navajo police department during Memorial Day weekend. Troopers also work closely with the Blanding police department and Monticello police department during their town celebrations.

Section 13 is deep rooted in Native American culture with the largest Native American reservation in the United States, The Navajo Nation located in San Juan County. State Troopers work on a regular basis assisting the Navajo Nation Police Department on law enforcement service calls. Section 13 also assists the Bureau of Indian Affairs Police department on the smaller Ute reservation town of White Mesa, located just south of Blanding.

Significant Events - On April 8, 2021, the Secretary of the United States Interior, Deb Haaland, visited Blanding. Her and staff held a meeting with San Juan County officials and the Navajo Nation in favor and against Bears Ears boundaries at the Edge of Cedars State Park. Troopers were called in to help State Parks with securing the park and providing a police presence between protestors for and against the movement. Troopers were set up and around along with Executive protection for the Lieutenant Governor and staff, to ensure public officials and members of the public could participate in this event safely.



Section 14

SOUTHERN BUREAU

Section 6, Section 11,
Section 12 & Section 14



Bureau Commander
CAPTAIN S. WINWARD



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT R. VAN FLEET

Section 6 - Utah County

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 6 has one Lieutenant, five Sergeants, 20 Troopers, and two Records Managers. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by ten troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 6 troopers are proud to partner with more than 30 other state, county, local, campus, and federal law enforcement agencies in Utah County. Section 6 regularly partners with local agencies in enforcement efforts and major events like BYU games, the Freedom Festival, and the Utah County Marathon. They also have an active PI&E program that works with several local schools as well as having troopers assigned to the county OICI protocol team.



Significant Events - Section 6 had multiple incidents of flooding on US-6 and US-89 in Spanish Fork Canyon, due to extreme weather and burn scars. On at least three occasions the canyon had to be shut down to clear water and mud, as well as the occasional Volkswagen sized boulder. The section partnered well with UDOT and local agencies to accommodate these closures.

Section 6 troopers were able to locate and stop the vehicle involved in an active Amber Alert. The adult suspect was detained, and through a series of suspect and witness interviews and coordination with Price Police, SBI, and SIAC, enough information was obtained for Price Police to locate the missing infant safe and sound in Carbon county.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT R. RICHES

Section 11 - Beaver & Iron Counties

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 11 has one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, 15 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by one trooper for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 11 has fostered great partnerships with local and state agencies. These agencies have joined together to form the Iron, Garfield, and Beaver Task Force, which consist of the Iron County Sheriff's Office, Garfield County Sheriff's Department, Beaver County Sheriff's Office, Cedar City Police Department, Parowan City Police Department, Enoch City Police Department, Brian Head Marshalls, AP&P, SUU Police Department and the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources. The governing board for this task force is composed of Chiefs, Sheriffs and Lieutenants from all of these agencies and they meet at least monthly to collaborate on important local and state law enforcement issues. These partnerships have proven to be critical and highly effective during many complex and dynamic incidents. Because of these partnerships, officers and department heads have been able to work closely together on these incidents to achieve the desired outcome with very little friction. These partnerships also provide invaluable opportunities for our troopers to experience a variety of law enforcement functions and gain knowledge they otherwise would not have received.

Significant Events - On March 12, 2021, Beaver County experienced a fast moving snowstorm that dumped several inches of snow in the area in a very short amount of time. In a matter of minutes, the entire freeway in both directions was closed due to the massive number of slide-offs and crashes. Troopers from several neighboring sections and MCIT worked diligently to investigate all of the crashes and clear the freeway. The freeway closure lasted for several hours.

During the months of June through August, Iron County experienced periods of heavy rainfall which caused substantial flooding on the freeway and throughout many of the local communities. During these storms, Section 11 troopers responded to multiple crashes and conducted traffic control and slow downs on the freeway. Troopers also assisted local agencies who were experiencing significant flooding in their communities.

On September 13, 2021, a Sergeant attempted to stop a vehicle for speeding (100 MPH in an 80 MPH zone). The vehicle fled and a pursuit was initiated. As the pursuit approached milepost 122 northbound, the vehicle pulled into the median and stopped. The driver fled on foot westbound, and ran into the foothills west of I-15. Additional troopers, deputies and officers from local agencies responded and began establishing containment for the suspect who fled on foot. SIAC and SBI were contacted to begin gathering information about the outstanding suspect. As the canine teams worked the area, the suspect began firing rounds from a handgun at the canine teams and the helicopter from a concealed and undetermined location. The canine teams pulled out of the area, containment was fortified and tactical teams were called in to assist, along with the DPS Aero Bureau. Tactical teams from DPS, Beaver County, Iron County and St. George responded. As these additional resources were being deployed, the suspect fired several more rounds. The DPS flight crew was able to quickly pinpoint the suspect's location and the tactical teams put a plan in motion to apprehend him. Tactical teams made contact with the suspect and began challenging him. The suspect surrendered without further incident and was safely taken into custody.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT S. JUDD

Section 12 - Kane & Washington Counties

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 12 has one Lieutenant, three Sergeants, 14 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by two troopers for most of the year.

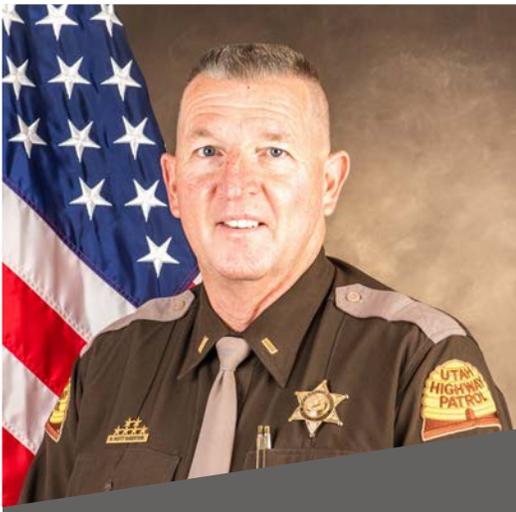
Partnerships - Section 12 personnel work closely with all local law enforcement agencies and federal partners. Troopers in Section 12 have worked hard to build and encourage partnerships with local law enforcement, fire and emergency medical personnel, and adult probation and parole. Since the section is home to several national parks and outdoor attractions, troopers have built a strong working relationship with the National Park Police and Division of Natural Resources.

Significant Events - On October 6th, Section 12 troopers responded to assist Hurricane Police Department in a pursuit involving a suspect that had brandished a handgun in an aggressive driving incident. During the pursuit, the suspect began randomly shooting at passing vehicles.

The suspect fired at and struck at least 10 passing vehicles before being stopped in the Rockville area. The suspect was eventually safely taken into custody and no citizens or officers were injured during this incident.

Both Washington and Kane Counties have had numerous wildfires in the area during the spring and summer of 2021. Wildfires in the Washington County area caused intermittent closures of I-15. Fortunately, no injuries were reported during any of these incidents.

In September, St. George city hosted the Ironman 70.3 World Championship. This event brought over 3,500 athletes and 12,000 visitors from all over the world. The increase in tourism brought more traffic to the area. The Utah Highway Patrol worked with event organizers, local law enforcement, and UDOT in developing a traffic safety plan for this large-scale event. Even with the increased visitor traffic and numerous lane restrictions, there were no significant incidents during this event.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT S. ROBERTSON



Section 14 - Juab & Millard Counties

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 14 has one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, 13 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by two troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 14 has a close working relationship with all neighboring agencies, such as the Juab County Sheriff, the Millard County Sheriff, Utah State Parks and DWR. Troopers also partner with the Nephi City Police Department, AP&P, the BLM and Forest Service. Troopers have built a great working relationship with local fire and EMS departments as well.

Significant Events - On May 19, 2021, Section 14 troopers were involved in a pursuit, OICI, and manhunt in Juab County. This incident was highlighted earlier in the document.

On July 25, 2021, Troopers investigated the multi-vehicle crash in Millard County that resulted in eight fatalities. This event was also highlighted earlier in the document.

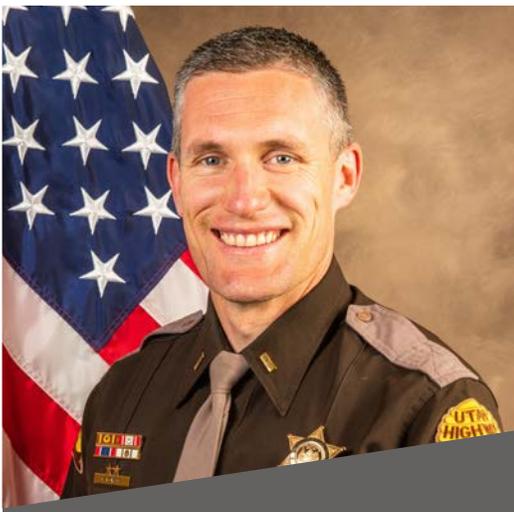
A Trooper assisted the Juab County Sheriff's Office in apprehending an aggravated kidnapping suspect near the Little Sahara Sand Dunes. The suspect was located in an open area interspersed with juniper trees, which created a hazardous approach for officers. Utilizing his DPS drone, the trooper located the suspect and observed his actions, relaying information to officers as they approached with an armored vehicle and took the suspect into custody without incident.

CAPITOL BUREAU

*Section 17
& Section 18*



Bureau Commander
CAPTAIN G. HOLLEY



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT B. ROWSER

Section 17 - Executive Protection

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 17 has one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, seven Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by one trooper for most of the year.

Partnerships - To maintain a high level of success, the Detail maintains partnerships with many agencies, not just within the State of Utah, but all over the country. The Detail is a member of the National Governor's Security Association (NGSA) which better allows us to communicate and strategize with our counterparts in other states. Troopers assigned to this section work closely with the details of local principals, such as local mayors and religious officials. The Detail also wouldn't be as successful as it is without the civilians and sworn officers of the Threat Management Unit, whom they work with to evaluate and investigate the myriad of incoming threats.



Significant Events - Closing out 2020 and entering the year 2021 brought with it a lot of changes for Section 17. In November 2020, section troopers said goodbye to Governor Herbert, who they had served since he took office in 2009, and welcomed their new principal, Governor Spencer Cox. Governor Cox was a familiar face around the office as he had served as Governor Herbert's Lieutenant Governor for seven years. Taking part in a gubernatorial transition has been an exciting opportunity for everyone serving in the detail. From the inauguration at Tuacahn, to the long trips to Fairview, Utah, those assigned to the Detail have had to adapt to the pace of a new governor with new initiatives. Section 17 also had the opportunity to expand with the implementation of the Lieutenant Governor's Detail. This new opportunity provided one new sergeant and two trooper positions to join the team.

Accomplishments - Two additional part-time positions were added for threats directly related to elected officials and their staff. Through teamwork they are able to accomplish the mission of protecting the Governor, First Family and Lieutenant Governor from physical harm and political embarrassment.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT W. BREUR

Section 18 - Dignitary Protection

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 18 has one Lieutenant, six Sergeants, 25 Troopers, one Courts Trooper, four Canine Troopers, one Threat Management Agent, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been understaffed by one sergeant and six troopers for most of the year.

Partnerships - To maintain a safe and secure environment for the citizens, state employees, and public officials who frequent the Utah State Capitol, members from Section 18 held 15 separate training sessions that reached over 400 stakeholders. The topics covered included: threats/workplace violence, capitol complex security posture, safe space designations/emergency protocols, and active shooter/officer security. In addition, monthly situation reports have been sent out to critical stakeholders, advising of the current threat climate, cases, and notable events to be aware of. These reports will enhance transparency and awareness between the security operations and the external partnerships working on the hill.

Significant Events - During the 2021 Legislative Session, the COVID-19 pandemic curtailed public attendance at most meetings. Hybrid options of online/in-person were widely utilized. Bag checks, K-9 sweeps and enhanced security were still provided each day throughout the session.

Free speech demonstrations continued periodically throughout the year on various topics. These "permitted" events totaled approximately 80.

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Off-site initiatives - Section 18 Troopers continue to be involved in security operations at various off-site locations such as the Calvin Rampton Complex, Governor's Mansion, Governor's residence, and part time at the Department of Workforce Services metro location in downtown SLC. Other security requests such as the Monoclonal Infusion Site and off-site legislative committee meetings were also staffed.

On January 17, 2021, UHP troopers were joined by the Utah National Guard and other law enforcement agencies in an effort to protect the Utah State Capitol. Several permits for protest groups had been granted and state officials were preparing for numbers of up to 1,000 protesters. After the violence that occurred at the US Capitol, the Department wanted to be prepared. The plan included about 250 UHP troopers, 250 Utah Army National Guard, 25 Utah Air National Guard, 40 Department of Natural Resource Officers, and Salt Lake Police had several officers on standby ready to deploy and assist if they were needed. In all, there were approximately 600 boots on the ground at the State Capitol.

Accomplishments - Addressed security concerns by constructing a mail room for the Capitol Complex. All deliveries to the complex are routed through one delivery point.

Security Posture- Two new explosive detection canines and handlers have been implemented, bringing the operational total to four. The four canine handlers are now able to provide a canine presence seven days a week at the Capitol Complex.

Members of the Capitol Preservation Board voted to adopt a 4th threat level at the Capitol Complex which allows for the Complex to be secured in an emergency or in the interest of building/employee safety.

Six Troopers attended and were certified in basic bike patrol. Two Troopers became certified as level one PPU Squad members.

Three new X-ray baggage scanners have been staged in the Capitol, Senate, and House buildings. These scanners will be used when the threat level is increased to level II for events where large public attendance is expected, during committee meetings and throughout the special and general legislative sessions.

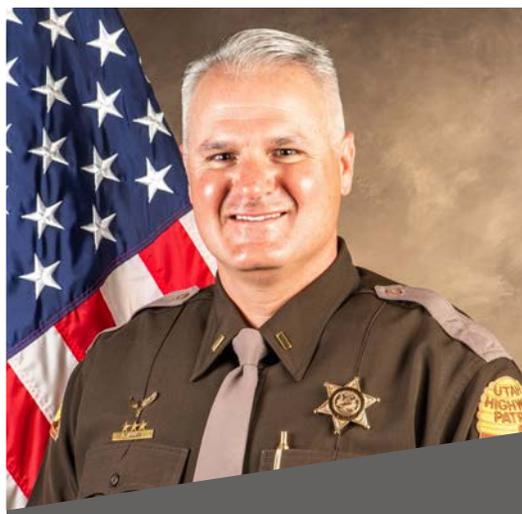
Security Assessment & Threat Management Unit (TMU)- Section 18 continues to employ one full-time threat management investigator and two part time SIAC analysts, to continue to handle threats to elected officials, state employees, and multiple state buildings both on and off of the Capitol Complex. The TMU group assigned to the Capitol has handled 51 total threats YTD ranging from "No Concern" to "Moderate"

SPECIAL SERVICES BUREAU

*Section 19, Section 21,
MCIT & Aero Bureau*



Bureau Commander
CAPTAIN A. LEPLEY



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT D. ALLEN

Section 19 - Training

Section 19 strives to ensure each trooper has the best training in order to do their jobs effectively and go home after each shift. Training classes are offered throughout the year including: LPO, All Trooper Training, All Supervisor Training, TIMS and many more.

Firearms - The Utah Highway Patrol was the first large department nationwide to authorize and issue the Red Dot firearms platform. The training division transitioned nearly 600 troopers to the Red Dot system. This consisted of thirty, two day transition classes and a total of 500 hours of training. This transition will allow troopers to process situations quickly and make effective decisions.



Alcohol - Alcohol technicians have completed over 2,000 intoxilyzer checks, 14 ARIDE classes were taught with 261 students. There were 15 newly certified DRE's, over 800 troopers attended SFST classes.

DT/Taser - Members of the training division attended a ground fighting class to expand their knowledge base within the department.

EVO - Several teen driving classes were held in the Spring. These classes consist of 26 students ready to learn safe driving habits and skills. Instructors are working towards a new program to efficiently track pursuits in order to help us focus on real world trends and needs.

Major Crash Investigation Team (MCIT)

Staffing - When fully staffed, MCIT has one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, six Troopers, and one Records Manager.

Cases - In 2021, MCIT is investigating 192 cases, which surpasses 2020's 155 cases.

- Investigators average three new cases per week and each one has just over twenty-five cases each that they are responsible for. They are on call 24/7 365 days a year. This includes full reconstructions, CDR downloads, vehicle scans, depositions, DA screenings and more.

Accomplishments - Increased staffing levels to meet the demands of the department.

MCIT team has put on five intermediate and five advanced crash investigation courses, ten POST academy classes, seven in house crash classes, several Total Station classes, and two drone courses.



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT T. BUCK

Section 21 - Salt Lake Community College (SLCC)

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 21 has one Lieutenant, two Sergeants, 12 Troopers, and one Records Manager. For 2021, the section has been full staffed for most of the year.

Partnerships - Section 21 works closely with the Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) Public Safety Department, Campus Security Officers and Administration. They also meet regularly with the various SLCC departments, student organizations and facilities to discuss, coordinate and continually improve relationships and services. Troopers work closely with many student and administrative organizations to provide excellent service to students, faculty, administrative staff and visitors. Troopers have and are attending several student clubs, organizational and administrative meetings and continue to build community trust.

Section 21 also works closely with the various local law enforcement, fire and medical services. Redwood Campus - Taylorsville, Jordan Campus - West Jordan, South City Campus - Salt Lake and Meadowbrook Campus - South Salt Lake PD.

Section 21 also coordinates with the DPS Community Outreach Team. Homeless and mental health incidents are a regular occurrence on campus. Though they can be trespassed or banned from campus, it is oftentimes counterproductive without providing resources to help them get stabilized.

Section 21 is building trust and partnerships with the community by conducting wellness checks off campus. Whether they be for students or employees, wellness checks are part of a Section 21 trooper's duties. Oftentimes these checks are performed in conjunction with local law enforcement. In a recent check, the student was initially apprehensive that officers were coming to their door, however, in the end they stated that it meant something to them that law enforcement would care and make sure they were ok.

Significant Events - Troopers investigated a possible domestic violence incident, though in this instance it turned out to only be a verbal argument. However, the female victim clearly had been in an abusive relationship in the past, but since she is undocumented, she did not have resources to separate herself from the suspect. Troopers arranged for a victim's advocate to come to the campus and helped her remove herself from the situation and the campus multicultural center was contacted to help her get resources to be able to attend school at SLCC.

Troopers and SBI investigated a substantial fraud case involving stolen credit cards that were being used to put money on the SLCC student One Card. The funds were then being used to purchase gift cards at the campus bookstores or asking for refund checks from the college. The individual was identified and later charged. It was also discovered the individual was also wanted for attempted homicide.



Bureau Commander
CHIEF PILOT L. BOWMAN

TOTAL MISSIONS: 348

- Flight Hours - 720
- Found / Rescued - 139
- Hoists - 71
- Arrests - 102



Aero Bureau

Staffing - When fully staffed, the Aero Bureau has four full time pilots, one part time pilot, nine tactical flight officers (TFOs) and two mechanics. For 2021, the Aero Bureau has been understaffed 2 TFOs for most of the year.

Significant Events - In 2021, the Aero Bureau flew 348 missions across the state. The Aero Bureau responds to over a hundred calls per year for stranded individuals, lost families, or injured parties. In one day the aircraft flew to San Juan and assisted with extracting a badly injured fall patient. Immediately following that rescue, the aircraft was called to Zions National Park to assist a father-son climbing duo whose rope had been severed by rockfall, breaking the son's leg. Dozens of lives were saved in 2021. Even though not all missions resulted in lives saved, respectful and safe extraction of those who did not survive, brought closure to mourning families. The Aero Bureau is flying on average over one mission per day and will continue to protect and help the citizens of Utah.

On August 29, 2021, Star 9 responded to an active pursuit involving UHP, Tooele County Sheriff's Office, Tooele City Police and Stockton Police. They followed the suspect vehicle for an extensive amount of time, relaying locations for ground units to get into position to intercept when the vehicle stopped. The vehicle fled through several fields and eventually broke down in a field near Rush Valley. Units were able to locate and arrest both suspects.

On September 15, 2021, the aircraft was requested by the Salt Lake City Fire Department to assist in searching for an accident victim. The vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed in a residential area. The vehicle breached the guardrail and plunged 200 feet down the embankment into the Memory Grove area, ejecting its occupants. EMS personnel located 2 critically injured individuals, but could not locate a third victim. Pilots searched the area using FLIR and located two targets, however they were not involved.

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Also in September, the Aero Bureau got the call of a subject that had fled on foot and was actively shooting at officers near Beaver, Utah. It's not unusual for the Aero Bureau to respond to shootings, or even witness them. However, for the suspect to be out on foot, armed, and actively engaging officers made for a different response. Air Crew members, supplemented by SERT team members, brought the appropriate amount of force to end, what could have been, a grave situation. The aircraft transported tactical officers to the scene and then began searching. A second helicopter was en route with more resources. Darkness settled on the search area forcing ground units to use spotlights to maintain the perimeter. Inside the large but well-contained area, deep underneath a cedar tree, the smallest heat signature gave away the suspect's position. The suspect had crawled so far under the tree he could only be seen in a small portion of the orbit. The continual movement of the aircraft makes for a safer flight profile, especially when the suspect allegedly shot at the orbiting helicopter. The aircrew began relaying locations and coordinating ground units. Both helicopters worked in tandem to assure that the suspect was contained while guiding ground units to within feet of him. Those tactical operators were well aware of the risk the subject posed but were able to follow directions from the air to safely take the suspect into custody without incident.

On October 4, 2021, the bureau assisted Salt Lake County Search and Rescue in the Sundial Peak area. The victim was located and the TFO was lowered on hoist, picked up a SAR member from the command post and hoisted them in to assist the TFO. The victim (deceased) was hoisted and lowered into the command post parking lot.

Accomplishments - The 25 year old helicopter was replaced with three new helicopters equipped with FLIR and hoist capabilities.

As part of the UHP Strategic Plan, the Aero Bureau identified and began staffing a southern base to increase partnerships, decrease response times, and support other areas of the state.

COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU

Technology



Bureau Commander

CAPTAIN T. TROTTA



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT J. COX

Section 20 - Technology

Staffing - When fully staffed, Section 20 has one Lieutenant, two Troopers, and five civilians.

Partnerships - UHP Technology has fostered relationships with BCI, the Administrative Office of the Courts, DTS, and product suppliers across the nation.

Significant Events - UHP Technology has worked closely with BCI, local courts and prosecutors, the Administrative Office of the Courts to resolve challenges associated with duplicate citations and almost completely eliminate their occurrence. UHP Technology has put in place an MOU with DNR & DWR to provide technical support for their rangers and officers with the shared RMS, FATPOT. This MOU pays for half of an additional FTE in UHP technology. UHP technology has been heavily involved in the evaluation of a new RMS. This evaluation involved presentations from several companies based across the US, as well as on-site visits with agencies in other States which use these systems.

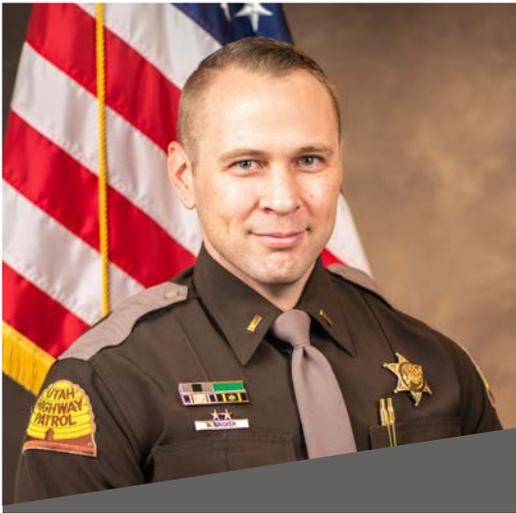
Accomplishments - Successful implementation of 28 day review to field sections.

Supply, DTS, Technology are now a one stop shop for troopers.

Took over FATPOT customer service for DNR and other state agencies.



PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION AND RECRUITMENT DIVISIONS



Section Commander
LIEUTENANT N. Bricker

Public Information & Education

Staffing - When fully staffed, PI&E has one Lieutenant, one Sergeant, and one Trooper. For 2021, the PI&E group has been understaffed by one trooper for most of the year.

Partnerships - UHP PI&E partners with the Highway Safety Office frequently, as well as with many Troopers throughout the state who lend help at events throughout the year.

Significant Events - The year started off with many COVID-19 restrictions still in place. The UHP was not holding many events or getting into many schools. As the weather warmed and more people were vaccinated, regular events kicked off in a hurry. The PI&E program was busy nearly every weekend during the summer months, as well as many week nights supporting other police and fire agencies throughout Utah as they held their Nights Out Against Crime and fire department open houses. UHP was able to get back into schools as well as get out into the many communities across the state.

Troopers have been involved in more than 200 different presentations and events in each of the field sections. The PI&E Program has helped supplement these efforts through the use of the seat belt convincer and parade cars, as well as providing them with promotional items such as stickers, pencils and chapstick. These outreach efforts make a huge impact on the citizens they contact as well as the vulnerable drivers they reach. These interactions remain critical as the Department continues to see an increase in teen traffic fatalities, as well as an increase in traffic incidents across the state.

Sgt. Cameron Roden is the new Public Information Officer. He has identified many dynamic ways that we can be proactive and innovative with the information that we share in our communities. The Recruitment and Public Information/Education divisions work closely and efficiently and always compliment each other's work by reinforcing important messaging.



Recruitment

In 2021, the UHP hired 34 Troopers. Between an increase in Trooper referral bonuses and lateral bonuses, the UHP is working hard to find the best Trooper candidates. Troopers were challenged to get out and be recruiters. The UHP's Social Media campaign is going strong as they continue to increase engagement and transparency through public education, updates to laws, interactions, and incidents. The division's social media goal is to interact with the public and show what a career in law enforcement is really like, as well as education and starting crucial conversations with our communities. They are continuously looking for new ideas to aid UHP in the search for extraordinary Troopers!



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