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DPS in the News



The Highway Safety Office brought interactive leprechaun displays to bars to help remind St. Patrick's Day celebrators that even if they're a little drunk, they can be a lot arrested. Click [here](#) to watch the story produced by Fox13.



A concurrent resolution by the Legislature recognized the 50th anniversary of the creation of the Office of the State Fire Marshal and expressed continued support for the Office. Read the resolution's full text [here](#).

Commissioner's Message: Presidential Visit

The Utah Department of Public Safety is very honored to have assisted in the protection of President Obama during his historic visit to Utah. My thanks to our team of UHP, SBI, SIAC and Communications personnel who worked long hours on this detail. Over 80 DPS employees were involved. The UHP motor squad was the primary motor unit involved in the presidential motorcade during the visit and the DPS helicopter was used for surveillance, and as an over watch during the movement of the motorcade. Colonel Fuhr was told by

Secret Service leaders that we by far provided one of their best coordinated support details ever. You will recall that our distinguished UHP members also assisted in the past two presidential inauguration protection details in Washington, DC. I had the honor of meeting President Obama personally last year at a White House meeting on immigration issues. I found him to be very personable and sincere in his appreciation for those providing public safety service. The President is now safely back in DC. I would like to say to all involved, well done!



Air Force One landed at Hill Air Force Base during President Obama's Utah visit.



A Glimpse Into A Very Broad Scope

Some of the Utah Division of Emergency Management's activities and initiatives in March vividly demonstrate the broad scope of responsibility it maintains.

DEM is launching a new working group to tackle the issue of cyber threats. The working group will include, but will not be limited to, members from the Division of Emergency Management, Statewide Information Analysis Center (SIAC), Utah

National Guard, Department of Technology, local representation, as well as cyber and private sector partners. Additionally, representatives from DEM presented to the Utah Tribal Leaders Meeting in Towaoc, Colorado, on an update of the progress of Homeland Security Plans with the Tribes and discussed the recent disaster with the Navajo Nation and plans for organizing an After Action Briefing in June at the Navajo Mexican Water Chapter.

International and Inter Agency Investigation Cooperation

Divisions within the Department of Public Safety frequently work in conjunction with other states and even other countries when dealing with criminal investigations and interdiction. In March, the State Bureau of Investigation worked with federal agencies and Great Britain's Interpol to address two separate criminal investigations.

An SBI agent and UHP trooper traveled to Kentucky to testify in a federal trial from a case linked to a pipeline marijuana arrest in Utah in 2014. SBI obtained the cooperation of the subjects arrested in Utah and it resulted in the dismantling of the drug trafficking organization out of Kentucky, as well as the conviction of all three subjects.

The Utah Statewide Information Analysis Center (SIAC) serves as the point of contact with Interpol for Utah. Due to the link between Interpol and SIAC, Interpol shared critical and timely information to the SIAC regarding a child abuse case they discovered in Washington County, Utah, through an investigation they were conducting in Great Britain. The SIAC took the information, performed additional criminal checks and follow up, and consequently shared the information with Washington County and the FBI. As a result of SIAC's information sharing position, a solid criminal investigation has been opened by the FBI.

Firearm Safety Program Promoted at BCI



Utah's Bureau of Criminal Identification helped publicize a firearm safety and suicide prevention initiative through which BCI will provide firearm safety information packets that include cable-style gun locks. Utah Representative Steve Eliason, who sponsored legislation creating the initiative, stated, "To help prevent the unauthorized use of a firearm, especially among young people, is a great leap forward for protecting the people of Utah. We as a state, want everyone to be safe where firearm ownership is concerned." Pictured at left are members of the coalition supporting the program at the press event.