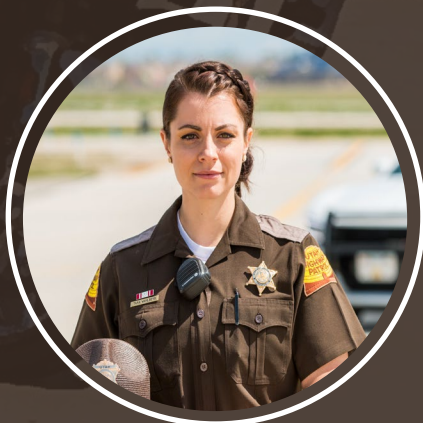


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## From the Colonel



On behalf of Department of Public Safety Commissioner Jess L. Anderson, it is my pleasure to submit the 2018 Utah Highway Patrol Annual Report. 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.

Over the past year, the Utah Highway Patrol (UHP) has been fully engaged in the tremendous effort to restore and sustain public safety within the Rio Grande district of Salt Lake City. We have worked closely with our fellow divisions within the Department of Public Safety, specifically our State Bureau of Investigations (SBI) and Statewide Information and Analysis Center (SIAC), and other state and local agencies. Every UHP Trooper, throughout the state, contributed to this monumental effort over the past year. We are proud to be part of the continued success of this effort.

The year began with the UHP facing the greatest recruitment demand in the history of our organization. With the full understanding that all successes would depend on the ability to meet this challenge, the UHP launched an unprecedented statewide recruitment effort. The result of this effort was the addition of 103 new UHP troopers in 2018; nearly double that of any previous year.

These staffing challenges and operational demands stretched personnel and resources in ways never before anticipated. UHP troopers met these demands and continued to provide the highest level of professional police service to the motoring public and all people in the State of Utah. Over 250,000 contacts were made for traffic violations with the motoring public. Nearly 25,000 crashes were investigated, which included 128 crash related death investigations. Over 12,000 arrests were made for impaired driving and / or drug violations; to include the seizure of over 5,000 pounds of illicit drugs. UHP Troopers also provided more than 2,000 safety presentations at schools, businesses, and community locations, and assisted over 67,000 motorists stranded on Utah's highways. All with a never-ending commitment to increase safety and reduce tragedy on the roadways across this great state.

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.

Sincerely,

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



# Department Overview

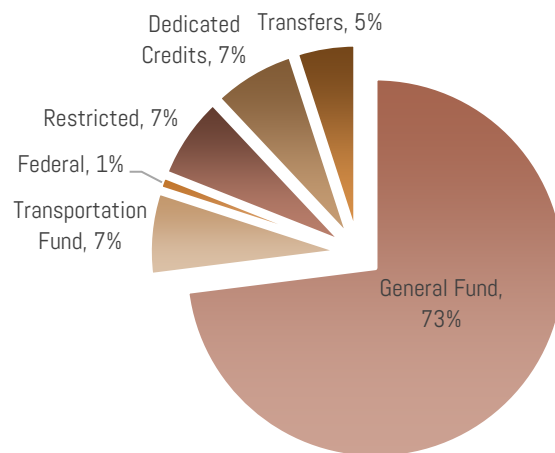
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Statutory Authority  
Utah Code Annotated § 53-8

Personnel  
516 Sworn ♦ 118 Civilian

Budget  
\$75,066,200

## Funding Sources



## MISSION

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.

## VALUES

The Utah Highway Patrol has adopted six values that give us direction in all that we do.

Integrity	Service
We are sincere and honest.	We will meet the service needs of every person we encounter.
We fulfill every promise and commitment.	We serve the people of the State of Utah by enforcing the law impartially, consistently, and without discrimination.
We are above reproach in dealing with the public, fellow employees, and ourselves.	We deliver service that reflects a concern for the quality of life in our communities.
Courage	Knowledge
We face danger with confidence, resolution, and bravery.	We will continually improve our performance through education and training.
We face hardship resolute in our commitment to serve.	We recognize our profession is changing and vow to stay on the cutting edge.
We make decisions based on our organizational values.	We encourage continuous education to maximize individual and organizational development.
Teamwork	Professionalism
We are united in purpose and effort.	We will exceed all standards set by our profession.
We share ideas and information through open and honest communication.	We allow only those of exemplary character to enter or remain in our ranks.
We are accountable to our community and to our fellow employees.	We present an appearance that inspires confidence in our ability.

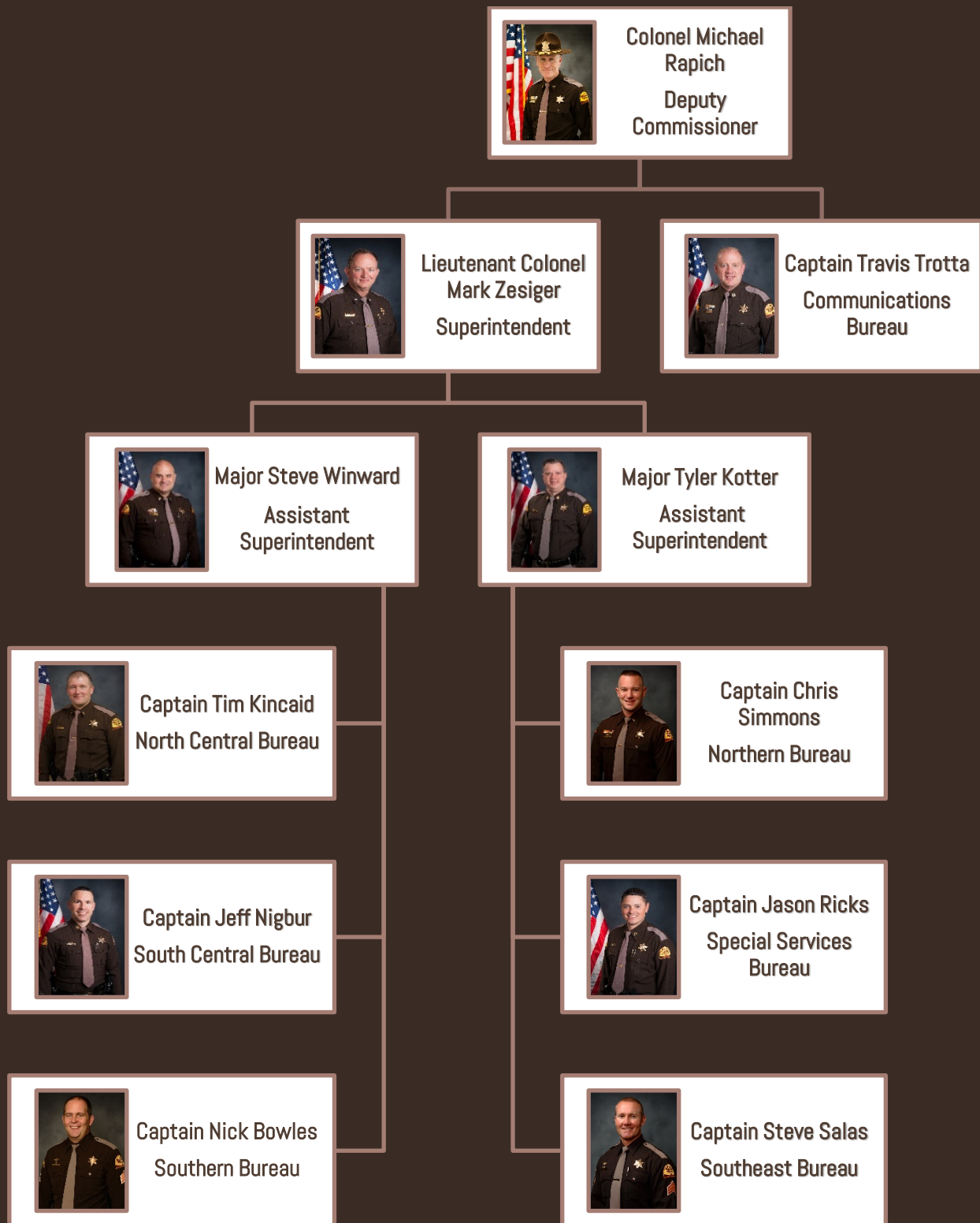


## AREAS OF EMPHASIS

The Highway Patrol has also adopted 10 areas of emphasis. They include:

Public Service ♦ Impaired Drivers ♦ Occupant Restraint Usage ♦ Safety Education  
 Local Law Enforcement Support ♦ Criminal Interdiction ♦ Human Resource Development  
 Community Policing ♦ Commercial Vehicle Safety ♦ Accident Investigation & Reconstruction

# Organizational Structure





## Special Projects & Operations

### OPERATION RIO GRANDE

Working with the State Bureau of Investigation, Troopers assigned to Section 23 have been diligent in enforcing state laws and Salt Lake City ordinances, to maintain order and create an inviting environment in the Rio Grande District. Troopers and Agents have been able to develop great relationships with service providers in the area, which has helped with assisting the current population. They have been successful in identifying problem areas and actors and have taken quick action to prevent them from becoming an overwhelming problem.

Troopers and Agents have worked closely with Salt Lake County to create and implement the “High Utilizer Pilot Program”. This program holds members of the community accountable, while identifying and providing resources to help them become self-sustainable. During the early stages of the program, Troopers, Agents and service providers recorded a high percentage of success stories and are working to expand the program to others in need.

### INTERDICTION

In 2018, troopers were able to interdict a significant amount of narcotics during the course of regular traffic stops and investigations. The figures below represent major seizures made during traffic stops. Personal use narcotic seizures, which occur on a daily basis, are not included in these totals.

Major Seizures Made on Traffic Stops			
Marijuana	4,978 lbs.	Marijuana Oil Cartridges	11,740
Methamphetamine	348 lbs.	Pills	11,964
Cocaine	26 lbs.	Heroin	43 lbs.
Firearms	22	Cash	\$463,340

### PUBLIC INFORMATION & EDUCATION

The Department’s Public Information & Education efforts hosted approximately 2,060 events, reaching over 380,000 people. Many of these events were driver education courses or similar presentations, where troopers instructed multiple groups of people in a single day. The larger events of the year were the Utah Auto Expo (25,000 attendees); Safe Kids Fair (about 14,000 attendees); Springville mock crash (20,000 people reached); Cinco de Mayo Celebration (20,000 attendees); and the Nebo School District candy cane giveaway, where troopers handed out candy canes to students to remind them to buckle up (about 135,000 reached due to media exposure).

### HONOR GUARD

The UHP Honor Guard participated in twenty-seven different events across Utah and in other States. The majority of these events were funerals for fallen officers and retired troopers who passed away. Twenty troopers actively participate in the Honor Guard. They spend a significant amount of time preparing, both uniform

preparation and drill practice, in order to pay final respects to the men and women who gave so much to serve and protect.

## MOTOR SQUAD

With only an eight-month window where troopers are able to ride a motor, troopers on the UHP motor squad made good use of available time conducting almost 8,900 traffic stops. They participated in fifty different events, including twelve hot-spot enforcement projects. In 2018, the UHP motor squad also took the lead in the escort of Army Major Brent Taylor and South Salt Lake Police Officer David Romrell.

## SPECIAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (SERT)

Since 1988, the SERT Team has proven to be a valuable resource to the Department of Public Safety. The SERT team is utilized for VIP security, during high profile drug buys, serving felony warrants, executing high profile or dangerous search warrants, during hostage or barricaded suspect incidents, courtroom security on high profile cases, transporting high-risk prisoners, and as additional resources during major events such as motorcycle rallies in remote areas of the state.

The SERT Team, which partners with the West Jordan Police Department, is composed of 16 members and spends about four hours each week training to maintain constant readiness. These members serve in specialty roles on the team, including shield, breacher, marksman, less lethal, and medic.

## AERO BUREAU

The Aero Bureau provides invaluable and lifesaving assistance to Utah citizens, law enforcement and state agencies. In 2016, the bureau equipped the DPS helicopter with hoist capabilities allowing the team to help rescue lost civilians in the most isolated locations and lift them to safety. Each year pilots and tactical flight officers deploy on rescue and recovery missions across Utah and neighboring states.

The Aero Bureau was busy throughout 2018, flying approximately 262 missions for almost 740 flight hours. The vast majority of these flights were for search and rescue missions, totaling approximately 105 missions, or about 40%. Law enforcement support was the next highest percentage, at about 25% or 66 missions. The hoist extracted individuals from areas where ground rescue was either extremely difficult or impossible. In all, 122 individuals were located on search and rescue missions and 10 felons who had fled from law enforcement were located. The remainder of the missions included biological surveys, administrative flights, maintenance checks, and training flights.

## DIVE TEAM

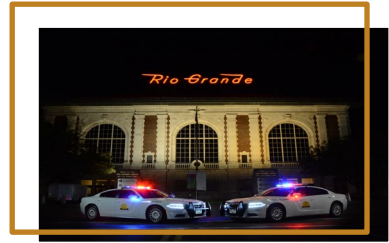
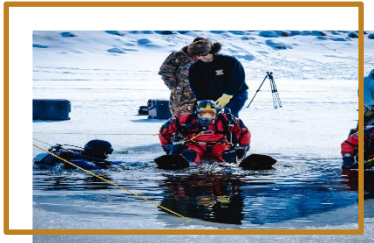
Agencies across the State of Utah and neighboring states utilize the DPS Dive Team. Due to the equipment assets and the unique diver skill sets, the Dive Team provides assistance for aquatic homicide investigations and accidental drownings. The Dive Team performs these functions at no cost to county and municipal governments in Utah.

In 2018, the DPS Dive Team received sufficient funding to replace older and outdated equipment with new dry-suits, regulators, dive lights, and underwater communications devices. While many of the dives performed were to recover bodies of individuals who had drowned, several dives assisted in recovering evidence, such as firearms, and even to recover equipment from the Great Salt Lake. In addition to providing training to other agencies and public presentations, the DPS Dive Team deployed nine times in 2018 in various dive capacities.

## PUBLIC PROTECTION UNIT (PPU)

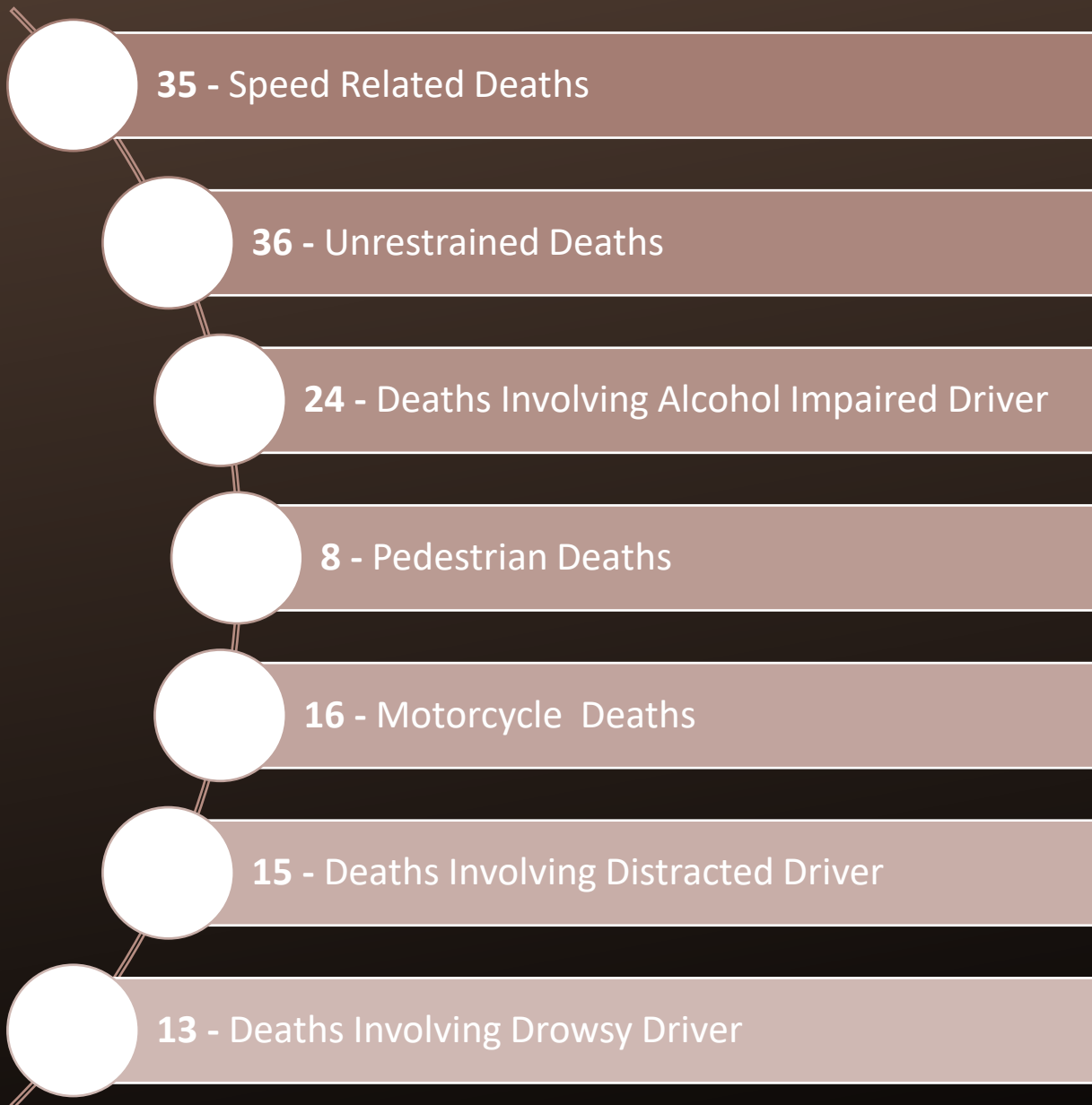
In 2014, Commissioner Keith D. Squires directed the establishment of the DPS Public Protection Unit (PPU). Concerned with the increasing incidence of violent protests around the country, he wanted the State to have a specially equipped and well-trained team that would be able to handle situations with thorough training, understanding and minimum use of force.

The thirty-four officer team is comprised of Utah Highway Patrol Troopers and DPS State Bureau of Investigation agents. Officers receive their initial training through a U.S. Department of Homeland Security course in Anniston, Alabama, followed by monthly trainings through the Department.



# 2018 Fatal Crash Picture

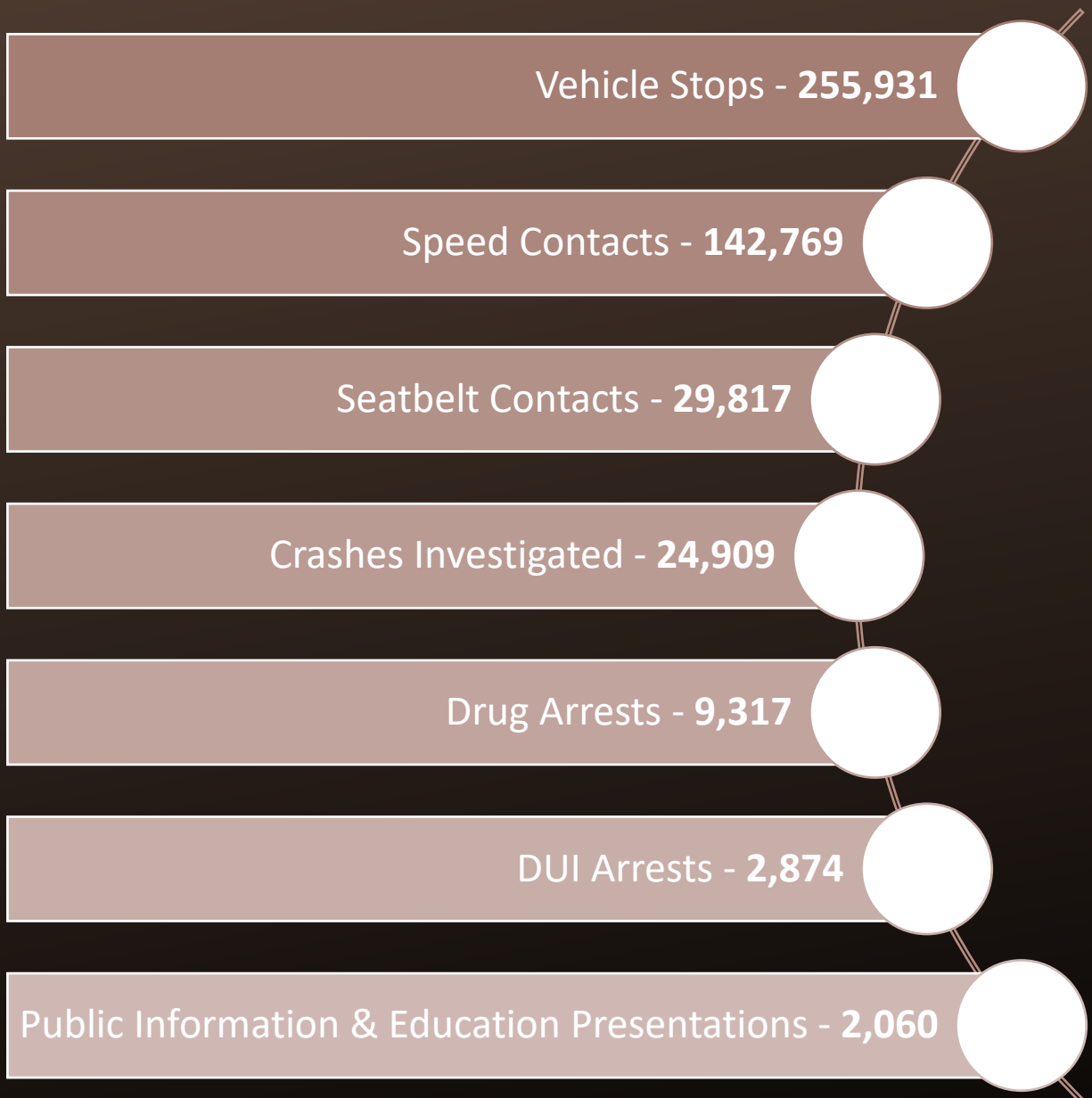
Total Fatal Crashes: 110, Up 10% from 2017  
Total Deaths: 128, Up 11.3% from 2017





## Field Operations

In 2018, troopers recorded the following enforcement and investigation totals:





# Section Reports

## **Section 1 - Box Elder, Cache & Rich Counties**

Section 1 saw a twenty-five percent reduction in fatalities from 2017 to 2018. They investigated 13 fatal crashes, the most significant occurring on October 10 when a semi traveling at a high rate of speed, overheated its brakes and ran into a building in Garden City, killing the semi driver. A nearby gas station captured the incident on video.

On March 25, 2018, a vehicle struck Sergeant Cade Branchley as he walked up to check on another crash. His in-car camera captured the entire event. Sgt. Branchley suffered a broken shoulder and ribs. He recovered quickly and returned to work three months earlier than expected. The video went international and Sgt. Branchley's forgiveness of the young woman who was driving the car demonstrated how police care about the people they serve.

Multiple wildfires affected the section during the summer; including one that closed I-84 for six hours and led to the evacuation of a tour bus broke down in the middle of the fire closure.

Section Troopers participated in the Police Unity bike ride for the Law Enforcement Memorial in Washington D.C. with Trooper Eric Ellsworth's brother, Mike Ellsworth.

## **Section 2 - Weber & Morgan Counties**

In 2018, Section 2 conducted 11,684 traffic stops, made 182 DUI arrests and 4,111 speeding contacts. A significant event in the section included the arrest of two individuals whose phones had information linking them to the murder of an individual in Kissimmee, Florida. One trooper taught 1,000 students in driver education classes during the 2018 year and the entire section participated in the third annual Section Fun Run.

## **Section 3 – Davis County**

Section 3 generated 2,778 overall cases during the 2018 year. They arrested 188 impaired drivers, investigated 1,833 crashes with 442 involving injuries. Troopers investigated six fatal crashes that resulted in the death of nine people. Three of those crashes involved wrong-way issues and three involved alcohol impairment. The most devastating crash of the year involved a wrong-way vehicle where both drivers involved in the crash were impaired by alcohol. There were no survivors in that fiery incident.

Early in 2018, Troopers attempted to stop an impaired wrong-way driver before he created a catastrophic event. An intercept was setup and the driver was stopped near Farmington, resulting in only minor injuries and the loss of a patrol car during the event.

In the first weeks of July 2018, Troopers were called to assist Centerville Police with a protest inside a commercial building. Prior to the incident, protesters had prepared by creating sleeping dragons to lock themselves in place. This incident was the first time the Utah Highway Patrol was able to use the specialized equipment and training of the Public Protections Unit. While the media staged outside, the members of the cutting team slipped in the back and successfully removed the devices, taking the individuals into custody.

In August, a semi-truck left the roadway south of Farmington, rolled and came to rest partially blocking the FrontRunner train. The train entered the area before emergency unit arrived on scene and struck the truck while witnesses were removing the truck driver. No injuries were reported on the train or at the accident scene.

Section 3 was also involved in the semi-annual Air Show at Hill Air Force Base, the Tour of Utah bike race and the funeral escort of Major Brent Taylor.

#### **Section 4 – Salt Lake County**

Enforcement highlights for Section 4 include 39,988 Vehicle Stops, 12,082 Public Assists, 734 DUI Arrests, and 626 Drug Arrests. On January 18, a tanker fire on I-15 Southbound at 7500 South closed both northbound and southbound lanes for several hours. Road repairs were required due to the intensity and duration of the fire. In August, Section 4 troopers assisted with the escort of Draper Battalion Chief Matt Burchett, who died fighting wildfires in California. Of interest, the section has also successfully began utilizing drones for crash diagramming purposes, creating scale diagrams for several fatal crash scenes from an aerial platform.

During the Christmas holiday, Troopers were able to visit with patients at Primary Children's Hospital. Section troopers participated in several public information and education efforts including 205 driver's education presentations; elementary school, church, and scouting group presentations; Adopt a High School with Corner Canyon High School, the Safe Kids Fair, car seat checkpoints, Cinco de Mayo, military and community events, parades, Night Out Against Crime, car shows, Latino Independence Day and Shop with a Cop. In total, there were 265 activities and 38,813 contacts made.

#### **Section 5 – Daggett, Duchesne & Uintah Counties**

Enforcement efforts include 4,638 Vehicle Stops, 3,250 Speed Contacts, 723 Seatbelt Contacts, and 43 DUI Arrests. Troopers conducted a sobriety checkpoint with the Duchesne County Sheriff's Office on SR-191 on Memorial Day Weekend. They assisted local agencies with ongoing protests in the Book Cliffs area. Duchesne County also experienced a huge wildfire fire that caused the evacuation of the west side of the county and the closure of SR-40. Section 5 provided traffic control on SR-40 and the surrounding local roadways that merged with SR-40 during the length of the fire. During a Kawasaki motorcycle gathering and ride, a large group of riders was traveling through Hanna on SR-35 when one of the motorcycles went down causing five others to crash and ultimately resulting in four fatalities.

Section 5 made multiple presentations in driver education classes. They participated in Shop with a Cop in Roosevelt and Vernal, as well as three county fairs, the UBIC Festival, Daggett Days, The Dutch John fireworks, Jensen Pumpkin Festival and the Dino-triathlon.

#### **Section 6 – Utah County**

Section 6 troopers were busy throughout 2018, especially during the summer. Troopers and supervisors assisted Section 7 with the Dollar Ridge Fire. Shortly thereafter, the Coal Hollow Fire broke out in Spanish Fork Canyon. Before that fire was fully extinguished, the Pole Creek and Bald Mountain Fire Complex broke out and required UHP involvement for over three weeks straight. The Pole Creek/Bald Mountain complex alone accounted for 1,356 overtime hours worked. In total, Troopers worked over 1,500 hours in support of this fire complex.

Public Information and Education efforts included a mock fatal crash presentation at Springville High School. Over 2,800 students were involved and the local media was present. They also participated in the Click-It or Ticket Candy Cane Event in December. Working in conjunction with Nebo School District and five high schools, Troopers handed out candy canes to high school students as they left school wearing their seatbelts. Local businesses and the Utah County Health Department donated eight thousand candy canes.

Due to increased proactive enforcement, Section 6 troopers were able to reduce crashes by 13%. Total stops increased by 17%, speeding contacts increased by 19%, and DUI arrests increased by 11%. Occupant restraint contacts dropped slightly, down 16%. This area will receive continued and increased emphasis during 2019.

### **Section 7 – Summit & Wasatch Counties**

Section 7 investigated a 23-vehicle crash involving 11 commercial vehicles and 1 fatality. It was a difficult scene and relied on a large cooperative effort between Sections 7, 15, SBI and Training.

In 2018, there were two automobile homicide investigations in Section 7. One was in January and involved a head-on crash on SR-189 near Wallsburg. The investigation resulted in a successful prosecution and conviction. The other was a dump truck versus pickup in October on SR-40 north of Heber involving six fatalities.

The summer of 2018 was very active for wildfires and that taxed already limited resources. Section personnel assisted with traffic control on the Dollar Ridge, Travelle, Tollgate and Mirror Lake Highway complex fires.

### **Section 8 – Tooele County**

Section 8 conducted a multi-agency administrative checkpoint on the evening of October 19. The checkpoint was held on the east and westbound lanes of I-80 at the Wendover Port of Entry (milepost 3). Twenty-three officers participated from various agencies, including the Tooele County Sheriff's Office, Grantsville Police Department, Wendover Police Department, and several UHP sections. During those 5 hours, over 500 vehicle contacts were made netting 4 impaired driver arrests, 4 alcohol violations, 50 lbs. of marijuana, 10 drug arrests, 8 warrant arrests, and 18 commercial vehicle inspections. UDOT provided great support with traffic control, lighting, and IMT trucks and personnel.

Section 8 had a 20% reduction in fatal crashes, 15% increase in vehicle enforcement stops, 30% increase in impaired driver and related arrests, and a 45% increase in occupant restraint contacts. Section 8 issued 465 citations for vehicles traveling 100+ mph. Of the 465 drivers stopped for traveling 100+ mph, 16 of the drivers were arrested for DUI.

### **Section 9 – Carbon & Emery Counties**

In 2018, Section 9 made 13,502 vehicle stops, 10,072 Speed Contacts, 1,542 Seatbelt Contacts, and 87 DUI Arrests. They led their Bureau in holiday enforcement in three out of the four targeted holidays.

Section 9 brought the New Year in with an unfortunate high profile fatal crash that involved a Greyhound Bus. This event taxed the resources of the section, but section investigators and personnel did a great job providing a detailed investigation. Another Greyhound bus incident in the Green River area led to numerous felony charges for a passenger including assault and attempting to disarm a trooper.

Section 9 personnel were active in their communities and were able to provide the public with information and education. The section participated in active shooter drills in Carbon and Emery School Districts. They participated in the “Every Fifteen Minutes” presentation at both the local high schools. This consisted of a mock DUI crash and UHP provided personnel for the crash investigation, SFST’s, arrest, and notification. They were part of the Pop Tarts with Cops program. This included having local troopers sit down with elementary students to read their favorite stories while enjoying pop tarts. Troopers made great efforts to help students become comfortable with law enforcement. Our Section 9 police canine was active in local schools for public demonstrations throughout the year.

#### **Section 10 – Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, Wayne & Garfield Counties**

In 2018, Section 10 made 11,431 Vehicle Stops, 8,354 Speed Contacts, 1,609 Seatbelt Contacts, and 141 DUI Arrests. They led their bureau in DUI arrests during two of the four targeted holiday enforcement periods.

Section 10 had a very active role in the Pole Creek Fire, providing scene security, road closures and traffic control for the duration of the event. Section 10 participated in the Manti Pageant, Panguitch Balloon Festival, Bryce Canyon Marathon, and five different county fairs kept them busy through the summer months.

Section 10 put on two different large-scale mock crashes at high schools in Garfield County. Driver education classes were taught in every high school within Section 10 boundaries. The seatbelt convincer deployed several times throughout the year at fairs, school events, career days, and safety fairs. Section 10, with the assistance of SERT, provided an active shooter training for Piute High School faculty and staff. As a section, they also participated in two different Shop with A Cop events, one in Sanpete County and another in Sevier County. One full week during September, they assist the schools in the Sevier Valley with Gooseberry Overnight Camp. Section 10 Troopers spend part of a day with hundreds of elementary age students teaching them about seatbelts, drugs, alcohol and safety.

#### **Section 11 – Beaver & Iron Counties**

Section 11 enforcement highlights are as follows: 180 DUI Arrests, 1,320 Seatbelt Contacts, 950 Misdemeanor and Felony Drug Arrests, 11,141 Traffic Stops and 1,850 Public assists. They had three fatal crashes, down from seven in 2017, with 580 crashes.

Troopers taught drivers education classes in all four high schools in the section and did a DUI crash simulation at Beaver High. They also participated in the Iron County Fair and the Cedar City Safety Fair using the seat belt convincer. Sergeant Bauer and Trooper Mackelprang did several canine education demonstrations at schools in the section.

#### **Section 12 – Kane & Washington Counties**

Section enforcement highlights include 80 DUI Arrests, 3,109 Seatbelt Contacts, 9,365 Speed Contacts and 15,559 Traffic Stops.

Section sergeants participated in Costco’s Safety Week teaching employees personal and workplace safety, and DUIs. Troopers participated in multiple PI&E details with church, Scout, and neighborhood outreach groups. Education included a Bike Rodeo, Stranger Danger, Home Safety, and Safe Driving Habits. In addition, Troopers also participated in the annual Shop with a Cop event in Hurricane.

### **Section 13 – Emery, Grand, San Juan & Wayne Counties**

Section 13 enforcement efforts netted 8,728 Vehicle Stops, 6,117 Speed Contacts, 821 Seatbelt Contacts, and 77 DUI Arrests. They had an extremely busy year with events along the Colorado and Arizona Border. The Section conducted a Border-to-Border media event with the Colorado State Patrol and a formal meeting with Navajo Police Department in Monument Valley. They participated in active shooter training with Moab City, provided by the Department's SERT team. Troopers were active in a public booth and with enforcement for the Annual Jeep Safari and Moab Car Show. Troopers taught EVO to the National Park Service and participated in a school outreach program in San Juan School District. The Section, as well as the Department's honor guard, also participated in the Fallen Officer Trail Ride ceremony honoring Trooper Eric Ellsworth.

### **Section 14 – Millard & Juab Counties**

Section 14 Troopers made 2,041 Public Assists, 13,126 Vehicle Stops, 1,414 Occupant Restraint Contacts, 8,864 Speed Contacts, 135 DUI Arrests, and 602 Drug Arrests.

The Section was able to add a canine to the section ranks. There were Zero Fatalities in Juab County in 2018. Considering the amount of traffic that passes through this area, that is a significant accomplishment. The Juab county attorney recognized several troopers from District A for their enforcement efforts and the professional cases they presented. Section 14 also welcomed a new civilian evidence technician.

Troopers in Section 14 made contact and presented safety messages to all of the high schools in the Section. They also provided outreach to several elementary schools and junior high schools. They participated in the annual Wheel-A-Thon event in Garrison, Utah and Baker, Nevada involving officers from Millard County, White Pine County, Nevada, the Nevada Highway Patrol and UHP.

Section 14 participated in the first Annual Citizens Academy in Nephi. They provided a night of training that included emergency vehicle operations, vehicle stops and DUI enforcement. The students were prominent community and political leaders in Juab County. They also participated in the annual Juab County Community Night Out, a mock fatal presentation at Millard High School, annual car show in Nephi, and a fundraiser in Nephi for the child of a Nephi City police officer that has a serious illness.

### **Section 15**

#### *Commercial Motor Vehicle*

The Inspection Summary Report for 2018 shows that Section 15 Troopers performed 9,908 total inspections. Of the total, 698 inspections involved hazardous materials. 2,798 or 28% of the 9,908 total inspections resulted in an out of service violation. Out of service violations are for both drivers and vehicles that are operating in an unsafe condition putting themselves and the safety of the general motoring public at risk. The 9,908 inspections resulted in 24,556 citations, an average of 2.48 violations per inspection. Troopers also performed over 400 post-crash safety inspections. Our troopers also inspected 671 private buses as well as every school bus in the state.

Special projects include size and weight focused projects, alcohol enforcement projects, traffic enforcement and local enforcement. Three special enforcement projects of mention include point of the mountain for construction vehicles traveling in heavily populated areas in violation of covered load and other citizen reported problems. The Echo port reported a problem with trucks running their port of entry, so a special focus on eliminating or reducing port runners was implemented. This resulted in a change in driver

behaviors. Also problematic for the Daniels port of entry was and is super tankers running across SR40 in violation of their oversize permits. A special enforcement project with this began last fall and has continued into 2019. Drivers are beginning to change their behaviors and operate within the parameters of their permits, keeping themselves and the public safe.

### *Safety Inspection*

Although the requirement for passenger/light truck vehicles to be safety inspected was not in place in 2018, Section 15 took steps to mitigate equipment related issues, including cross training commercial vehicle inspectors as State Safety Inspectors. Section personnel made equipment enforcement an important focus, utilizing the administrative process of "Vehicle Repair Orders" to bring serious violations and habitual offenders into compliance. Troopers stayed busy as these repair orders increased 223%, which required significant follow up with both the violators and sometimes with repair facilities. Safety Inspection (SI) Troopers provided equipment specific training to all UHP Troopers during the department's annual training event. With the help of the newly trained field personnel, equipment related enforcement increase over 16% Statewide. SI Troopers also provided 37 post-crash vehicle safety inspections to assist field troopers in significant investigations.

### **Section 16 – DUI Squad & Criminal Interdiction Team**

The DUI Squad spent the majority of the year assisting with Operation Rio Grande (ORG). Even with only one full-time sergeant assigned to the Squad, 117 impaired drivers were successfully removed from Utah's roadways.

The Criminal Interdiction and Canine Teams also assisted with multiple small operations for ORG. A UHP Trooper on the criminal interdiction team was recognized by Rocky Mountain HIDTA as the Interdiction Officer of the Year.

### **Section 17 – Executive Protection**

Section 17 handled the advance and security for two international trade missions, South Korea/Taiwan and Mexico, for Governor Herbert and the trade delegation from Utah, as well as many trips throughout the United States.

During the year, the section either took the lead or assisted with multiple visits to our state from visiting dignitaries, Ambassadors, Governors, Military personnel and Federal leadership.

Even though Section 17 is a specialty section, it was committed to represent the department with its mission during 2018 by getting out and working enforcement shifts, from DUI, Speed, Seatbelt, RIO and equipment shifts. The troopers were out helping multiple sections during snow days. They were also involved in numerous PI&E events.

### **Section 18 – Dignitary Protection**

The Utah State Capitol was busy during the 2018 calendar year. Thirty-five free speech events took place either on the south steps or in the rotunda of the Capitol building. The free speech events gaining most support were those showing support for Bears Ears, SHEROS United, and Memorial for Parkland School Shooting Victims, International Women's Day, Utah Women's March, and the rallies for clean air.

The Capitol was very busy during the months of January through March with the legislative session. Troopers were tasked with meeting the needs of the elected officials, ensuring the public could exercise their rights, and maintaining order so that state business could be conducted effectively.

Section 18 was asked to assist in many VIP protection details. During the year, we had troopers assigned to assist Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Congressman Steny Hoyer, Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, FBI Director Christopher Wray, and former First Lady Laura Bush.

Some of the other numbers of interest include hosting 43 weddings, 14 proms, and 18 other events in either the Capitol Rotunda, North Plaza, or East and West Terrace. There were also over 30 events hosted at the White Chapel that is included on the Capitol Campus. Section 18 Troopers were able to assist in the positive outcome of all these facility events without significant issues.

### **Section 21 – *Salt Lake Community College***

In 2018, Section 21 handled 58 Theft Cases, 2 Vehicle Thefts, 6 Drug Cases, 8 Vehicle Burglaries, 62 Accidents, 1 Domestic Assault, 2 Domestic Disputes, 1 Abuse Case, 2 Harassment Cases, and 2 Sex Offenses were referred to SBI.

The section led two Rescue Task Force (RTF) Exercises in 2018. The first at the Redwood Campus in the spring in the Gunderson Building, and the second in the fall at the Miller Campus in the POST Building. These exercises would not have been successful without the law enforcement and EMS agencies who joined them. They have proven to be very valuable in the training of law enforcement and EMS alike for an active shooter incident.

The Utah Highway Patrol provides law enforcement presence for many extra-curricular events that are held at the Salt Lake Community College. A small example of these events include: Salt Lake City Stars games; state high school basketball tournaments; state high school dance and cheerleading competitions; lectures given to students, faculty, and the public by invited VIP's and government officials; and providing safe free-speech zones for public rallies.

Section 21 has quickly evolved into the premier bicycle squad within the Utah Highway Patrol. Under the effective supervision of Sergeant Donovan Lucas, the bicycle squad became more organized and efficient during 2018. Members of the Section 21 squad provided bicycle training for Troopers from Operation Rio Grande.

### **Section 23 – *Operation Rio Grande***

In 2018, Operation Rio Grande (ORG) Troopers and State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) Agents continued to control the Rio Grande District and reduce part 1 crime in the area by as much as 50%. In late July 2018, Rio Grande Troopers and Agents noticed a substantial increase in people frequenting the Rio Grande District, specifically 500 West, to engage in illegal activity. Troopers and agents conducted a 2-week enforcement surge in the area sending a lasting message laws and ordinances would be aggressively enforced. The population of criminal actors decreased greatly.

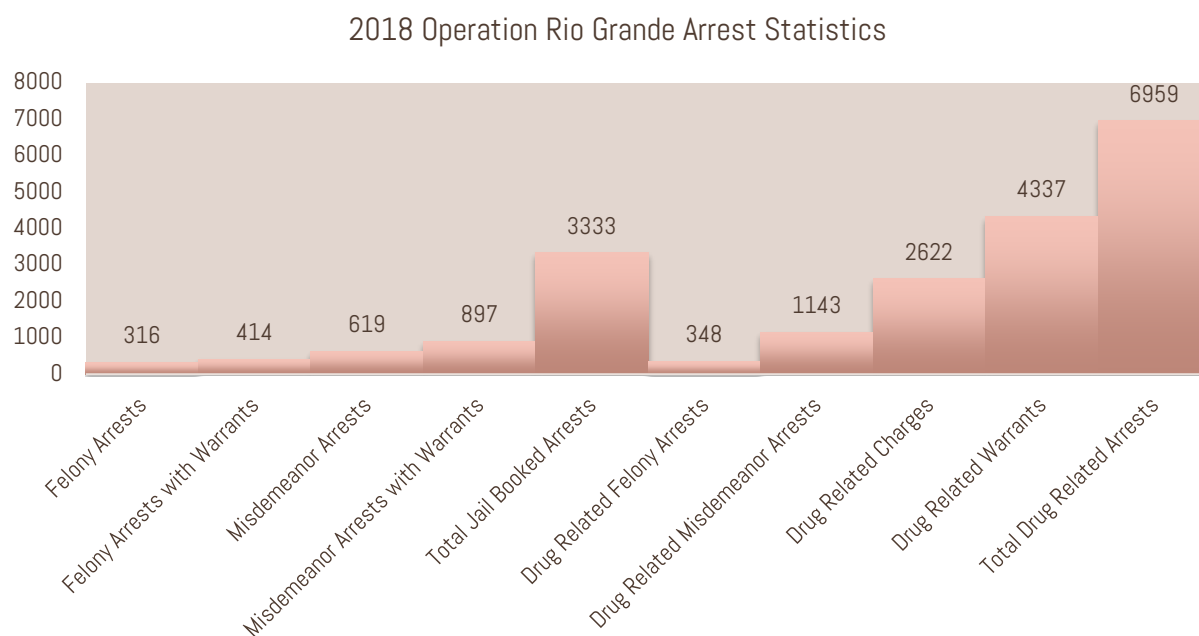
ORG Outreach Troopers collaborated with Salt Lake County to begin the High Utilizer Pilot Program. This program focuses on people experiencing homelessness, who are high utilizers of medical, and police services; with the intent of identifying effective resources, navigating the services and helping them become more self-sustainable, so they can integrate back into society as productive citizens. So far,

troopers have worked with 30 individuals. Troopers have seen early success with this program. Recently, South Salt Lake has joined the program with five additional high utilizers.

UHP ORG contracted with Valley Behavioral Health and Volunteers of America to add 2 licensed social workers to the UHP Outreach Team. They have played an integral role in the success of the Outreach Team and High Utilizer Pilot Program.

Outreach troopers spent a lot of time identifying and networking with various service providers across the Salt Lake Valley. Because of these efforts, Troopers have built a reputation that they have the ability to connect individuals to services more rapidly than others have.

ORG Troopers also worked closely with SBI Agents to assess and manage multiple threats to citizens and staff members.





## Officer Improvement

The UHP provides internal programs focused on trooper wellness, development, and safety, in an effort to maintain an environment and culture which provides opportunities for troopers to thrive and progress. The UHP has also made investments in:

- New and additional equipment to ensure troopers have the resources needed to do their job effectively and safely, to include new and advanced UAV technology for crash investigation
- Training best practices and contemporary issues to provide troopers with knowledge, skills and abilities to effectively confront critical and demanding aspects of the law enforcement profession, i.e. Implementation of .05 and the Utah Medical Marijuana Act
- Education reimbursement to support continued personal development of troopers to prepare them for advancement and other opportunities; Those earning advanced degrees were recognized by Department Administration at a formal ceremony
- Programs and Units to allow troopers to develop specialized skills in critical operations, to include SERT Team, DUI Squad, Motor Squad, Interdiction / Canine Team, State Bureau of Investigation, etc.
- Personal wellness programs to include a Peer Support Team, personal fitness programs and incentives, a highlight of which was the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Utah Highway Patrol Colonel's Fitness Challenge which garnered over 1,000 active participants
- Formal recognition programs to highlight successes and personal accomplishments, including the annual DPS Awards Banquet

## TRAINING BENCHMARK REQUIREMENTS

Benchmark requirements are intended to ensure that tenured officers have the knowledge skills and abilities to add increased value to the Department through increased competency, experience and leadership. Troopers must meet a predetermined number of requirements at regular intervals throughout their career. These benchmarks include experience, training and career achievements. Each trooper's benchmark progression is tracked and annually reviewed. Including these expectations has made Troopers more accountable, maximizing the return on investment and helping to ensure a professional and proficient workforce.

## TRAINING

In 2018, the Department conducted a variety of training classes for all ranks and audiences within the department, ranging from Crash Investigation Techniques to a UHP Basic Training Academy to In-Service and Supervisory training. In particular, they conducted two separate 2-day, 16-hour classes from Jermaine Galloway, a drug enforcement expert from Idaho, on the current trends, issues, and resources available to officers to help identify and enforce narcotics violations in our communities. Additionally, they provided an 8-hour leadership training for all leadership positions in the department.

Throughout the year, the UHP Training section conducted eleven separate, 2-day, 16-hour, In-Service classes that covered a variety of instructional topics that included the following:

- Legal Updates
- .05 BAC Training

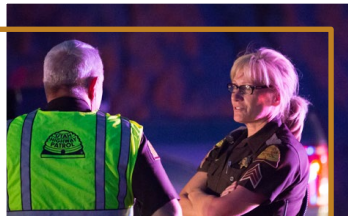
- Officer Wellness-Diet and Exercise
- Vehicle Safety Inspections
- Sovereign Citizens
- Utah Physical Assessment Testing (UPAT)
- Taser Recertification
- Use-of-Force Training
- Weapons Maintenance Training
- Arrest Control Techniques

Additionally, department personnel were provided with 16 hours of Firearms Training and 8 hours of Emergency Vehicle Operations Training, and opportunities to attend; Crash Investigation Training, Leadership in Police Organizations Training, Field Training Officer classes, Crisis Intervention Team Training, Tactical Combat Casualty Care Training, Advanced Roadside Impairment Detection classes, Naloxone/Narcan Training, and Drug Recognition Expert Training.

## RECRUITMENT

The UHP implemented multiple new recruitment strategies in 2018. These include continuous recruitments, regional testing options, tracking individual applicants through the entire process with regular contact and a focus on meeting timeline objectives. Department recruiters participated in seventeen recruitment events. Their efforts included car shows, outdoor expos, job fairs, Facebook/Indeed ads, as well as creation of a special partnership with the Utah National Guard recruiting office.

In the 2018 calendar year, the UHP received 1,519 applications for employment. Of those applicants, 709 showed for testing at one of the 22 regional testing sessions. Three hundred and seventy made it to the background process, culminating in the successful hire of over 100 new troopers.



# Looking Forward

## PROACTIVE

These five violations will be the foundation of high-volume, high-visibility traffic enforcement, focusing on saving lives and interdicting the criminal element.

- DUI – Detect and remove impaired drivers from Utah’s roadways
- Seat Belts – Stop vehicles with unrestrained occupants and educate regarding seat belt and child restraint laws
- Speeding – Daily enforcement focused on speed and aggressive / reckless driving violations
- Distracted and Drowsy – Stop distracted or drowsy drivers through proactive enforcement
- Equipment Safety – Enhance public safety through continual enforcement of vehicle equipment laws

## PROFICIENT

Continue developing knowledge, skills and abilities to ensure a complete, professional and thorough investigation of criminal incidents and crashes.

- Criminal Interdiction – Look beyond the traffic stop to recognize indicators of criminal behavior
- DUI Enforcement – Increase proficiency through training on indicators of impairment, SFST administration, and evidence documentation
- Investigations – Enhance crash and criminal investigations capabilities through classroom and hands-on training, Utilize all available Department resources to further active investigations, understanding every traffic stop is an opportunity to gather, document and share valuable information
- Continued Education & Training – Pursue post-secondary education to improve communication skills, promote independent decision-making and problem solving, and develop leadership abilities necessary to succeed and thrive in the environment of 21st Century policing
- Benchmarks – Meet expectations for benchmark training standards

## PROFESSIONAL

Enhance public confidence and foster quality public interactions through adherence to the core values of the Highway Patrol.

- The Six Core Values – Represent the six core values of the Utah Highway Patrol in all aspects of work and personal life (Integrity, Service, Courage, Knowledge, Teamwork, Professionalism)
- Uniform and Personal Appearance – Clean, neat and professional uniform, worn with pride
- Positive Interactions – Treat members of the public with respect and courtesy
- Officer Safety – Continued adherence to the Below 100 tenets, TIMS standards, and all Department policies, which promote officer safety





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