



Spanish Fork Police Department Annual Report

2024

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHIEF

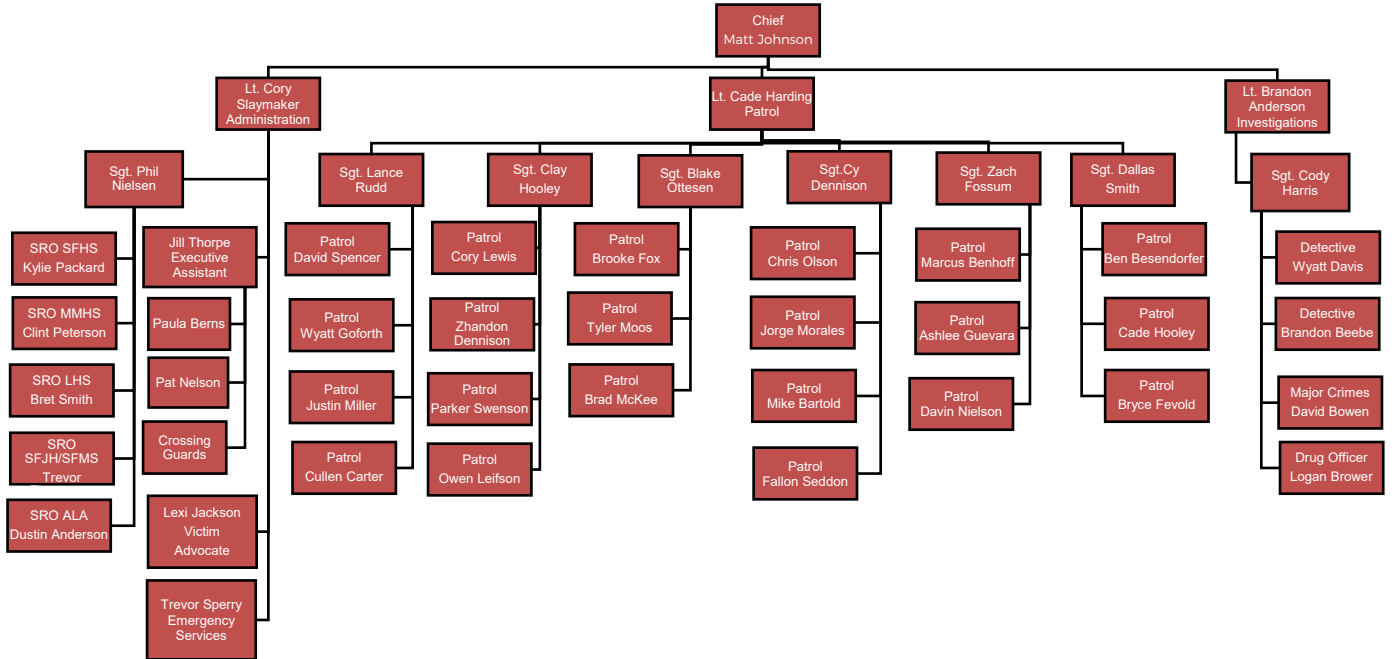
I am pleased to present you with the Spanish Fork Police Department’s Annual Report for 2024. This report contains a breakdown of staffing, crime statistics, non-crime statistics and agency accomplishments. As the city continues to grow so does the need for law enforcement services. We have a dedicated group of sworn officers and civilian employees who are committed to safeguarding the lives and property of our citizens. I am incredibly proud of the men and women of the Spanish Fork Police Department who strive to provide the highest quality of police services to our residents and business owners. Our community enjoys a high quality of life and a low crime rate as a result of our philosophy of common sense and compassionate policing.

We have a great partnership with our citizens and business owners of the community. Working together, we have sought to make life better in Spanish Fork. The department appreciates the tremendous support from the community, our elected officials and city administration. It is my commitment that we will strive daily to provide the highest level of police services and ensure that Spanish Fork is a desirable city to live, work and visit.

Respectfully,
Chief Matthew R. Johnson



Organization Chart



Spanish Fork Police Department



Taken July 2023



Members of the Spanish Fork Police Department



Chief Matthew Johnson
29 years service



Lt. Brandon Anderson
31 years service



Lt. Cory Slaymaker
29 years service



Lt. Cade Harding
21 years service



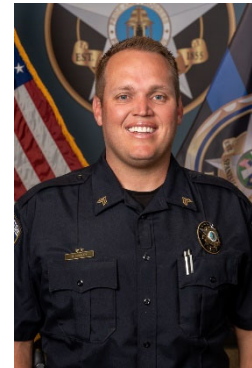
Sgt. Phil Nielsen
26 years service



Sgt. Lance Rudd
24 years service



Sgt. Cody Harris
18 years service



Sgt. Clay Hooley
14 years service



Sgt. Blake Ottesen
17 years service



Sgt. CyDoran Dennison
12 years service



Sgt. Zach Fossum
14 years service



Sgt. Dallas Smith
11 years service



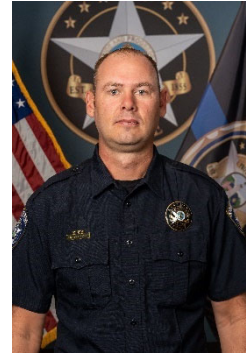
Kurt Ballantyne
Master Officer
22 years service



Clint Peterson
Master Officer
14 years service



Bret Smith
Master Officer
11 years service



Dustin Anderson
Master Officer
17 years service



Chris Olson
Officer II
7 years service



Wyatt Davis
Officer II
7 years service



Owen Leifson
Officer II
7 years service



David Bowen
Master Officer
11 years service



David Spencer
Officer II
13 years service



Kylie Packard
Officer II
6 years service



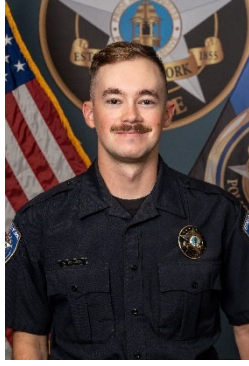
Jorge Morales
Officer II
6 years service



Marcus Benhoff
Officer II
6 years service



Cullen Carter
Master Officer
16 years service



Wyatt Goforth
Officer I
4 years service



Trevor Thompson
Officer II
6 years service



Brandon Beebe
Officer II
6 years service



Benjamin Besendorfer
Officer II
7 years service



Cade Hooley
Officer II
6 years service



Davin Nielson
Officer I
2 years service



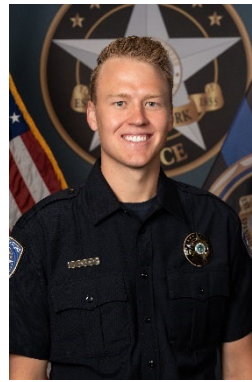
Bryce Fevold
Officer I
2 years service



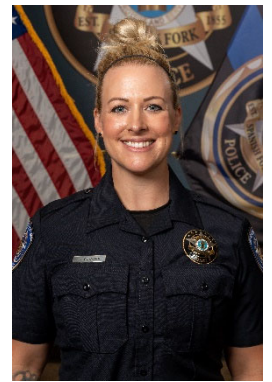
Zhandon Dennison
Officer I
2 years service



Logan Brower
Officer II
6 years service



Parker Swenson
Officer I
2 years service



Ashlee Guevara
Master Officer
11 years service



Brooke Fox
Master Officer
11 years service



Justin Miller
Officer II
6 years service



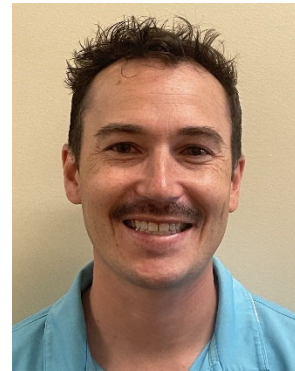
Cory Lewis
Master Officer
11 years service



Tyler Moos
Officer I
3 years service



Brad McKee
Officer I
Years service



Mike Bartold
Officer I
4 years service

CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES



Jill Thorpe
Administrative Assistant
38 years service



Lexi Jackson
Victim Advocate
1 year service



Pat Nelson
Support Staff
8 years service



Paula Berns
Support Staff
8 years service

ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION

The Administrative Division provides services to the public as well as to other Divisions within the Police Department. Our goal is to serve the citizens and officers. When citizens respond to the Police Department for assistance, the Administrative Division is the initial contact and our members guide the citizens to the appropriate personnel.



Lt. Cory Slaymaker

The Administrative Division consists of the administrative sergeant, support staff, victim advocate, school resource officers, NOVA officer, emergency preparedness manager and numerous school crossing guards. The Division is responsible for the maintenance and dissemination of public records, training, cataloging and custody of evidence, computer systems, new recruit hiring, policy review and implementation.

Administrative Sergeant	Phil Nielsen		
Code Enforcement Officer	Kurt Ballantyne		
Animal Control Officer	Jared Warner		
School Resource Officers	Kylie Packard, SFHS		
	Clint Peterson, MMHS		
	Trevor Thompson, SFJH & DFMS		
	Bret Smith, LHS		
	Dustin Anderson, ALA		
NOVA Instructor	Cory Lewis		
Administrative Assistant Support Staff	Jill Thorpe		
	Pat Nelson		
	Paula Berns		
Victim Advocate	Lexi Jackson		
Emergency Preparedness	Trevor Sperry		
Crossing Guards	Shalyn Bills	Kelly Averett	Chris Hansen
	Ashley Bailey	Kellie Koyle	Amanda Heap
	George Brinkerhoff	Nikya Connelly	Rachel Arnold
	Chandee Fisher	Amity Llewellyn	Trevor Flake
	Daniel Spalding	Tashelle Johnson	Katelyn Vest



Victim Advocate

Spanish Fork City's Victim Services Program strives to ensure victims of crime receive assistance, information, resources, and support to help them through the criminal justice process. The program strives to provide this support while ensuring the individual's constitutional rights are protected.

Victim Rights

The Utah Constitution declares that victims of crime have the following rights:

- Be informed as to the level of protection from intimidation, free from harassment, harm and abuse available to them throughout the criminal justice process.
- Be informed and assisted as to their role in the criminal justice process.
- Have a clear explanation regarding relevant legal proceedings.
- Have a secure waiting area that does not require them to be in close proximity to defendant or the family or friends of defendant
- Seek restitution and reparations
- Have any personal property returned to the victim once the court or prosecution no longer needs them.
- Reasonable employer intercession services to minimize employees' loss of pay and other benefits resulting from their participation in the criminal justice process.
- Victims have the right to object to a petition for expungement.
- Should have a speedy disposition of the entire criminal justice process.
- Timely notice of judicial proceedings they are to attend and timely notice of cancellations.

Services Provided to Victims

Safety Planning
Connection to Resources
Prosecutorial Meetings
Assistance with UVisas
Emotional Support

Criminal Justice Updates
Assistance with Restitution
Assistance with Protective Orders
Crime Victim Reparations
Assistance with Victim Impact Statements



Funding

The Victims of Crime Act, passed in 1984 under President Ronald Reagan, created the Victims of Crime Act Fund, or VOCA Fund, to be a protected and dedicated source of funding for crime victim programs. The VOCA Fund does not depend on taxpayer dollars - it is derived from fines and penalties on offenders at the federal level. Spanish Fork City applied for VOCA funding, the Utah Office for Victims of Crime reviewed and approved the applications and awarded the following amounts to serve victims of crime in Spanish Fork City.

2023-2025	VOCA Grant	\$81,954.20
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INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

The investigative division plays a crucial role in upholding the law and ensuring public safety. They utilize a variety of techniques, including surveillance, interviews, forensic analysis, and collaboration with other agencies, to gather evidence and solve cases. Their work is essential in bringing justice to victims and maintaining order within Spanish Fork City.



Lt. Brandon Anderson

The investigations Division is responsible for general investigations as well as numerous special investigative responsibilities. Some of the detective assignments are general investigator, city drug enforcement officer and the Utah County Major Crimes Task Force. School resource officers are also assigned cases to follow up on.

The Investigations division has the responsibility of investigating both criminal and non-criminal cases such as: arson, burglary, robbery, theft, forgery, fraud, identity theft, homicide, assault, kidnapping, sex, offenses, public health, and safety crimes such as weapons offenses, illegal drug use, drug trafficking and pornography violations. Some of the non-criminal cases are runaways and death investigations.

The Lieutenant directly supervises the sergeant and plays a crucial role in managing the investigative team, ensuring that investigations are conducted effectively and efficiently, and providing leadership and strategic direction to the division. His role is a blend of administrative duties, supervisory responsibilities and active participation in investigations.

The Sergeant directly supervises four detectives in the investigative division. He plays a vital role in ensuring the smooth operation of the investigative team, offering both supervision and direct investigative expertise. He is pivotal in guiding the team through complex cases while also managing his own investigative responsibilities.

Sergeant

Cody Harris

Investigators

Brandon Beebe

Wyatt Davis

Drug Officers

David Bowen

Logan Brower



Drug Officer Reporting

Major Crimes Drug Statistics

There were **337** suspects arrested by UCMC. The numbers below represent the highest criminal charge for each suspect. For example, a suspect may have been charged with felony heroin distribution and paraphernalia. The arrest would only be categorized as a felony heroin arrest.

Felony Arrests	Misdemeanor Arrests	Federal Indictments
187	150	32

Meth	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Para	Fentanyl	Scripts	Other	Warrants
109	62	37	9	17	58	7	21	17

Seizures:

Cash:	\$550,302
Guns:	101
Cocaine:	17.13 lbs
Heroin:	70.25 lbs
Marijuana/DAB:	47 lbs
THC Cartridges:	8,639 dosages
Meth:	256.99 lbs
Fentanyl:	
Pills	417,567 dosages
Powder	1.21 lbs
Pharmaceuticals:	7,353 dosages

PATROL DIVISION

The Patrol Division is comprised of one Lieutenant, six Sergeants and 22 officers. The primary responsibility of the Patrol Division is to provide 24 hour a day police response. Officers respond to calls for service in both emergency and non-emergency situations.



Lt. Cade Harding

Aside from responding to dispatched calls, officers are responsible for patrolling neighborhoods, enforcing traffic laws, enforcing city and state codes and ordinances, investigating traffic accidents, providing traffic control, investigating cases, providing presentations to citizens of the community, and other duties as assigned.

The patrol officers are most likely to be in direct contact with the public. We strive to provide the best possible customer service to the public. Our patrol officers are of the highest integrity and bring honor to the uniform and to the City of Spanish Fork.

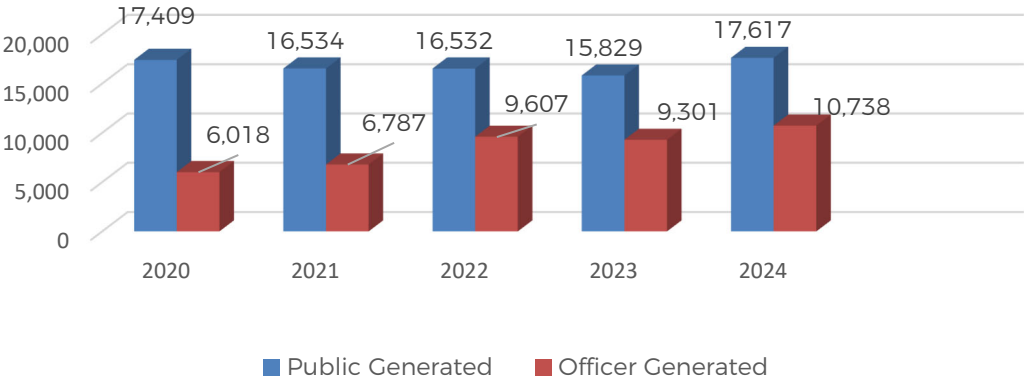
Sergeants	Lance Rudd	Clay Hooley	
	Blake Ottesen	CyDoran Dennison	
	Zachary Fossum	Dallas Smith	
Patrol Officers	Chris Olson	Owen Leifson	Jorge Morales
	Marcus Benhoff	Cullen Carter	Ben Besendorfer
	Cade Hooley	Davin Nielson	Bryce Fevold
	Zhandon Dennison	Parker Swenson	Ashlee Guevara
	Brooke Fox	Cory Lewis	Tyler Moos
	Brad McKee	Mike Bartold	
K9 Officers	David Spencer / K9 Maverick		
	Wyatt Goforth / K9 Rooster		
	Justin Miller / K9 Zero		
Animal Control	Jared Warner		
Code Enforcement	Kurt Ballantyne		

DEPARTMENT STATISTICS

Calls for Service

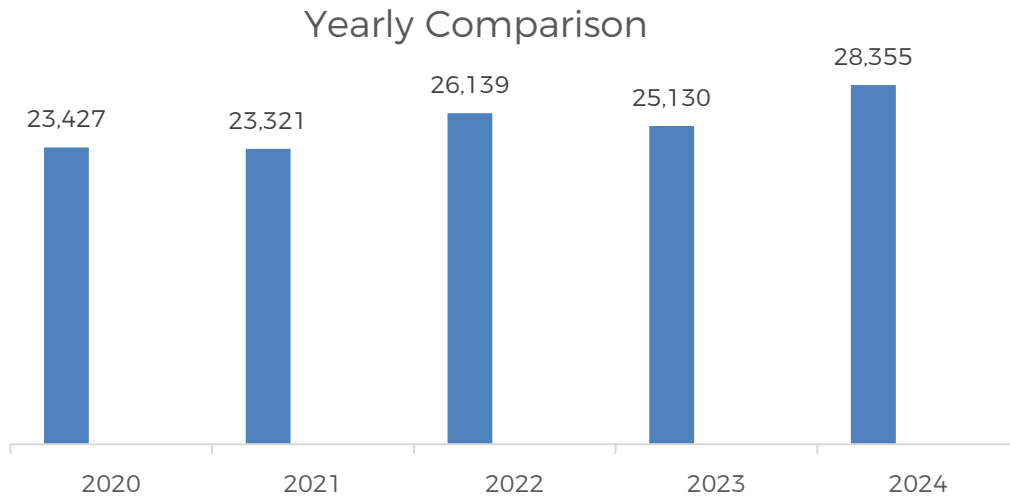
A call for service is a request for assistance from someone in the community. There was a total of 28,355 calls for service in 2024. Most calls handled by the department are calls for service as opposed to calls reporting a crime. These may include someone calling for help in opening a locked car, a traffic accident, public presentation requests, etc. The majority of a patrol officer's time is spent on these types of calls.

How Calls for Service Were Received



Public generated calls are dispatched by our dispatch center. Officer generated calls are calls initiated by an officer.

Calls for Service Comparison

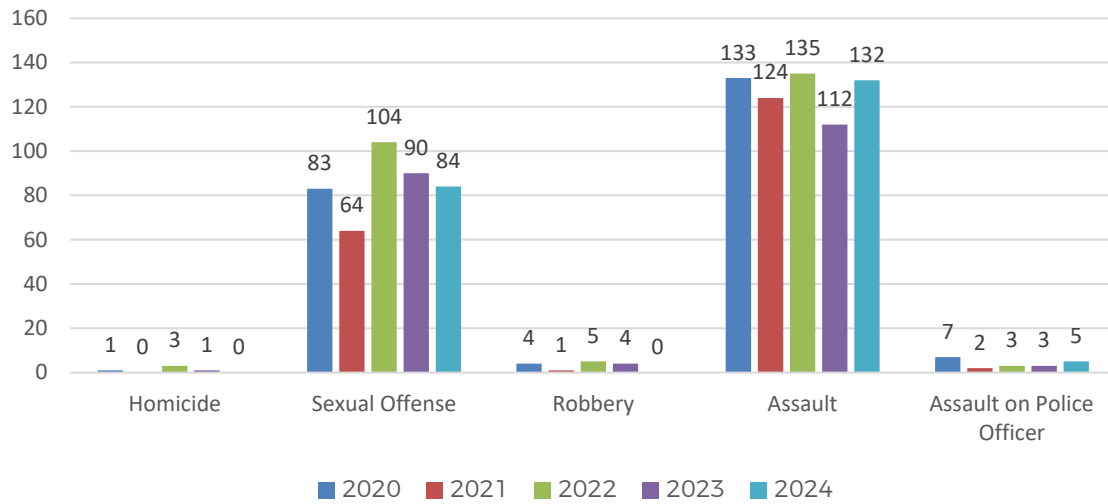


An average of 78 calls were service were responded to each day.

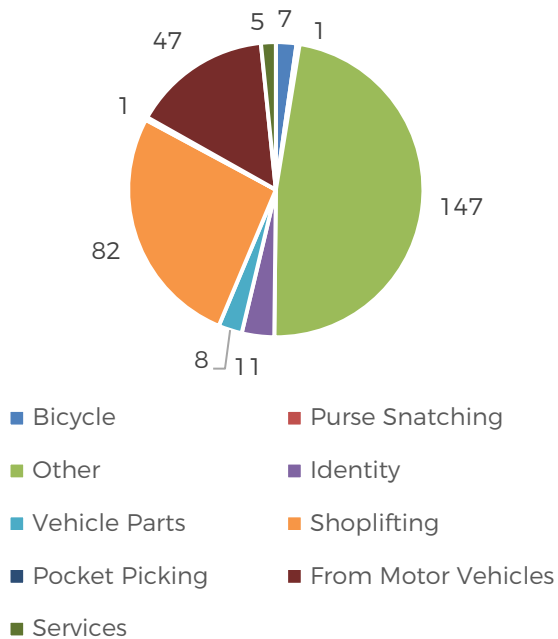
Event Clock

Rape	Occurred every	73 days
Robbery	Occurred every	91 days
Aggravated Assault	Occurred every	24 days
Child Abuse	Occurred every	52 days
Vehicle Theft	Occurred every	17 days
Sex Offense	Occurred every	4 days
Domestic Violence	Occurred every	7 days
Simple Assault	Occurred every	4 days
Burglary	Occurred every	14 days
Vandalism	Occurred every	2 days
Family Problem/No Violence	Occurred every	1 day
Traffic Accident	Occurred every	8 hours
Theft	Occurred every	1 day
Call for Service	Occurred every	18 minutes

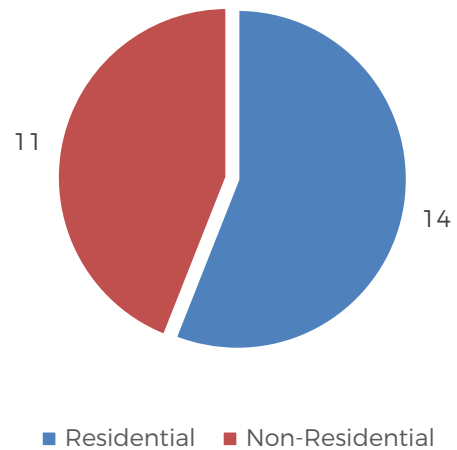
Crimes Against Persons Comparison



Theft Reports By Type of Theft

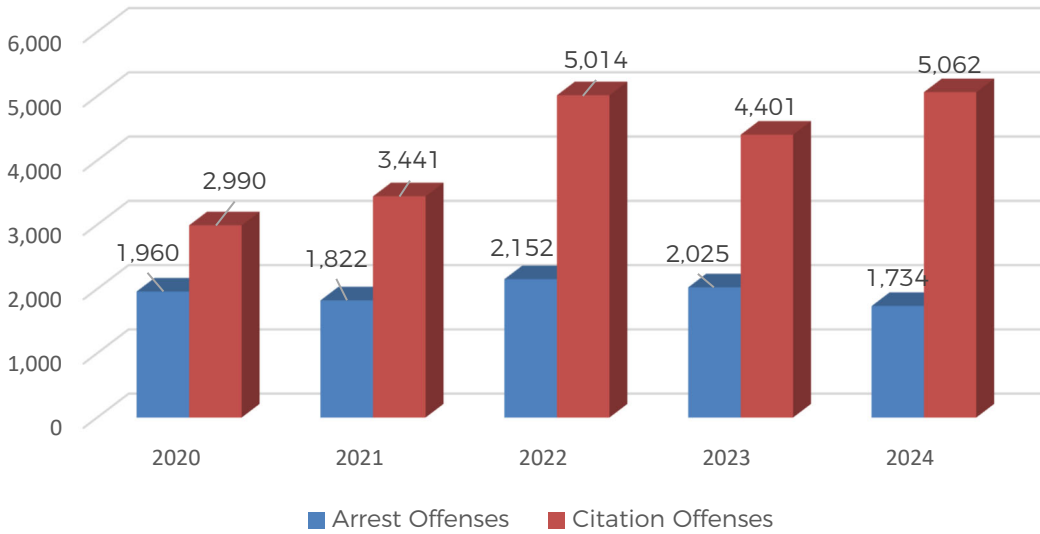


Burglary Reports by Type of Burglary



Arrest Comparison

Yearly Comparison

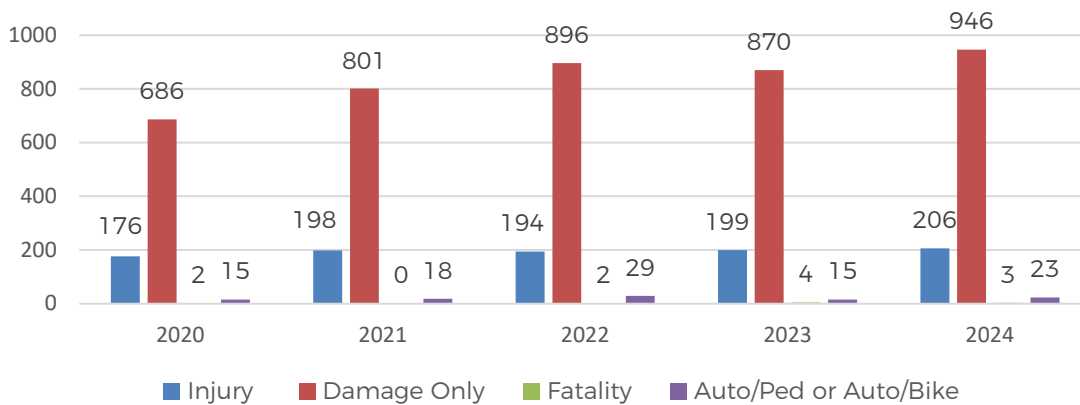


This comparison is the total arrests made by issuing a citation or by an arrest by issuing a summons or physical arrest. Citations include violations such as speeding, registration offenses, etc. Arrests include violations such as shoplifting, theft, assault, etc.

Traffic Accidents

Spanish Fork Police Department takes traffic enforcement very seriously. Nationally, more people are injured and die from motor vehicle accidents than all crimes combined. The following information is taken from actual traffic accident reports written by Spanish Fork Police Officers. There were 1,155 traffic accidents investigated.

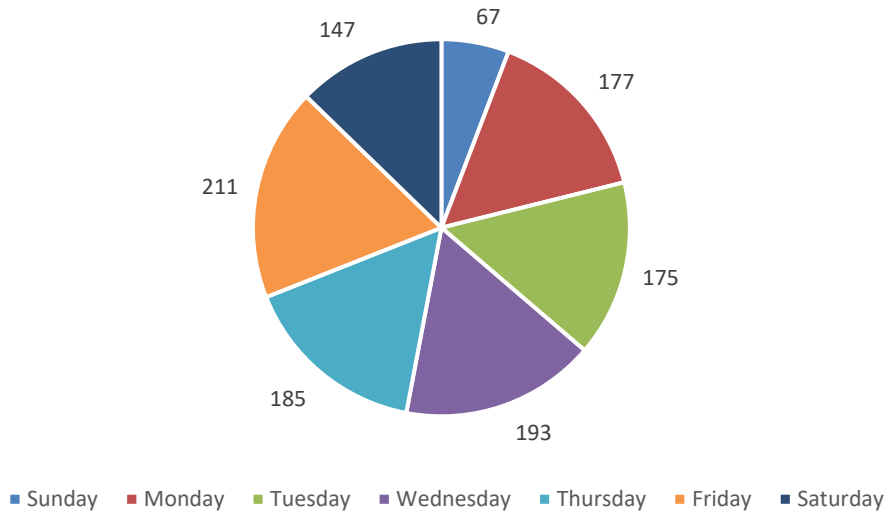
Accident Comparison



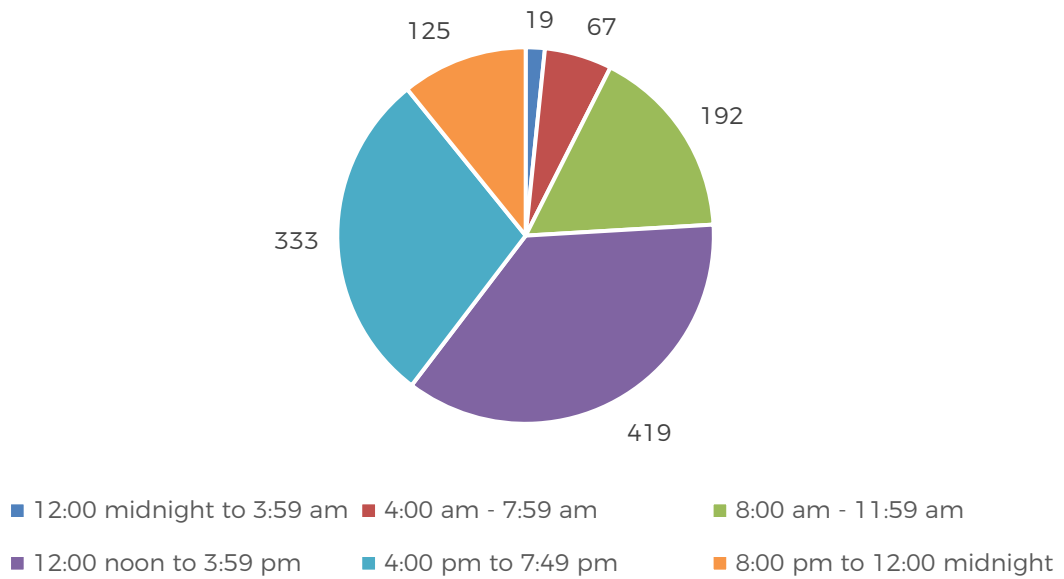
Top Accident Locations	Injury Accidents	Damage Accidents	TOTAL Accidents
Hwy 6 Exp Lane/ 800 N Exp Lane	9	22	31
Hwy 6 1000 N/ 1000 N Canyon Creek/ 1000 N Hwy 6/ Canyon Creek Hwy 6	4	21	25
Hwy 6 Center	6	14	20
400 N Main	5	13	18
800 E 400 N	2	15	17
1000 N Main	3	13	16
Center Main	3	13	16
800 N Main	1	14	15



Accidents by Day of the Week



Accidents by Time of Day



DEPARTMENT HISTORY

Retirees

Master Officer Jared Warner

In May Officer Jared Warner retired from the Police Department after serving as a Police Officer for 20 years. Officer Warner started his career working at the Utah State Prison as a Corrections Officer. He began his employment with Spanish Fork in 2013 after working with the Utah County Sheriff's Office and Mapleton Police Department. He served as a RAD kids instructor, DARE Officer, Field Training Officer and Animal Control Officer.

Jared is enjoying retirement and is now working in the private sector.



Office Staff Pat Nelson



Pat began working with the police department in 2016. She worked previously at the City Office. Being a lifetime resident of Spanish Fork, she knew everyone and their families which was a big asset to the department. She is now enjoying being retired and spending time at home.

New Hires

The Department hired four individuals this year.

Lexi Jackson



Victim Advocate Lexi Jackson joined the Spanish Fork Police Department in January 2024. Lexi has a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Utah Valley University and began her career working at a local Youth Crisis Shelter. Lexi is a certified Sexual Assault Counselor and has a passion for victim services. She strives to provide trauma-informed care to each survivor she works with. When she isn't at work, she enjoys spending time with her family and her dog.

Tyler Moos

Officer Tyler Moos began his employment with Spanish Fork Police Department as a part time officer in 2023. He served in the military from 2011 to 2023 in Aviation Operations. He was deployed in 2012 to Afghanistan, in 2015 to Germany and in 2017 to Iraq. He began his Law Enforcement career in 2021 and worked with Santaquin Police Department. He began work with Spanish Fork full time in 2024. Officer Moos is married and has two daughters. In his spare time, he enjoys the outdoors, hunting and competitive shooting.



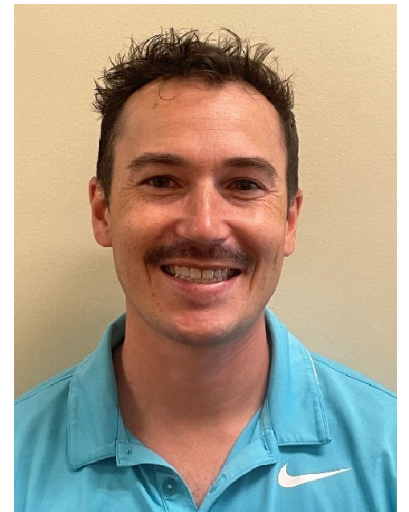
Brad McKee



Officer Bradley McKee joined the department in October of 2024. Brad grew up in the Uintah Basin and graduated from Uintah High School in 2011. In 2016 he graduated from the Utah Valley Police Academy and began his career shortly thereafter. Brad spent the majority of his career working with the Logan City Police Department and the Wasatch County Sheriff's Office. Brad joins the department with quality experience stemming from training new officers on patrol and spending several years working in investigations. Brad has three toddlers and is expecting a fourth with his wife Celia later this year.

Mike Bartold

Officer Michael Barold joined the department in September 2024. He graduated from Spanish Fork High School, and then got a bachelor's degree from Utah Valley University in criminal justice. Michael joined law enforcement in 2020 where he worked for Tremonton City. After working four years for Tremonton City, he decided to transfer back to his home town and work for Spanish Fork, where he is excited about all the growth and opportunities this department has to offer. Michael comes with experience in Detectives, field training officer, and as defensive tactics instructor.



Awards Banquet

Welcome

Chief Matt Johnson

Pledge of Allegiance

SFPD Honor Guard

Prayer

Chaplain Wes Ottesen

Toast to Fallen Comrades

Lt. Cory Slaymaker

Dinner

Awards

Remarks

Mayor Mike Mendenhall



Toast to Our Fallen Comrades



You may have noticed the small table set for one that is off on its own. It is reserved to honor our fallen brothers and sisters in arms. This symbolizes that they are with us here in spirit. We should never forget the brave men and women who answered our nations call to serve and served the cause of freedom in a special way.

We are ever mindful that the sweetness and enduring peace has always been tainted by the bitterness of personal sacrifice. We are compelled to never forget that while we enjoy our daily pleasures there are others who have endured the agonies of pain, deprivation and death.

I would like to explain the meaning of the items on the special table.

The table is round showing our everlasting concern for our fallen brothers and sisters. The tablecloth is white symbolizing the purity of their motives when answering the call of duty.

The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the life of each of our fallen brothers and sisters and the loved ones and friends of these comrades who keep the faith.

The vase is tied with a red ribbon a symbol of our continued determination to remember our fallen comrades.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate reminds us of the bitter fate of those who will never return.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by the families of those who have sacrificed all. Scriptures represent the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country.

The glass is inverted. They cannot toast with us at this time.

The chair is empty because they are no longer with us.

Let us remember and never forget their sacrifice.
May they and their families ever be watched over and protected.

Definition of Awards:

The **Life Saving Medal** will be awarded to any department member for saving a human life. This award is intended for all members directly responsible for saving a human life. Documentation and supporting evidence must be included, such as statements from witnesses, physicians or supervisors. This award may also be made upon evidence that the member's actions prolonged a human life, permitting the victim to be treated by medical personnel, even though the victim may have died later.

The **Unit Citation** may be awarded to any sworn or civilian employee for exceptional work based upon one act or upon an extended series of exemplary service. This award does not rise to the level of the higher requirements of a Medal of Distinction but is greater than a Letter of Commendation.

A **Citizen's Award of Appreciation** will be presented to a citizen who provides outstanding assistance to the department in preventing crime; or providing a great service; or apprehending criminals; or renders an outstanding heroic act at considerable personal danger to him/herself, which culminated in saving a life.

Department Commendation Award. In addition to the above listed Meritorious Service and Commendation awards sworn officers and department employees may also be recognized and receive a certificate, plaque and/or ribbon pin award. These awards include but are not limited to:

- | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| (a) Drug Recognition Expert | (b) Field Training Officer | (c) Instructor (NOVA, |
| (d) SWAT | (e) Excellent Physical Fitness | Firearms, Emergency |
| (f) Superior Physical Fitness | (g) Honor Guard | Vehicle Operations) |
| (h) Emergency Medical Technician | (i) School Resource Officer | (j) Bachelor's Degree |
| (k) Master's Degree | (l) Public Information Officer | (m) K9 Officer |
| (n) Master Officer | (o) Patrolman II | (p) Detective |

Officer of the Year Qualifications

1. **Performance of Duty:** The officer consistently performs his or her duties in a professionally acceptable manner. He/She is familiar with statutory requirements and offense elements of the Criminal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure, Juvenile Court Act, and Vehicle Code. Further, the officer is familiar and complies with department policies, procedures, rules and regulations and performs his/her duty without close supervision.
2. **Organizational Philosophy:** Consistently adheres to and practices the Mission Statement of the Spanish Fork Police Department.
3. **Demeanor:** Is favorably distinguished from his or her peers in the manner in which he or she interacts with others; and whose conduct reflects favorably on himself or herself, this department, and the City of Spanish Fork.
4. **Self-Improvement Efforts:** Strives continually to be better informed, seeks self-improvement opportunities, encourages others, and takes advantage of every opportunity to improve his or her ability to be more professionally competent.
5. **Personnel File:** The Chief of Police will provide the Selection Committee any letters of recognition/awards. No officer will be eligible for this award if a letter of reprimand (or greater form of discipline) was received during this selection year.



Awards

Citizens Award of Appreciation

Awarded to Richard Morley

Awarded to PJ Merrill, Traven Elquist, Krista Taylor and Rory Eyring

Years of Service

Chief Matt Johnson - 30 years Lt Cory Slaymaker – 30 years

Sgt. Lance Rudd – 25 years

Sgt. Clay Hooley - 15 years Officer Clint Peterson – 15 years

Officer Wyatt Goforth – 5 years

Department Commendation Awards

Master Officer	Special Assignments
Ashlee Guevara	Justin Miller – K9
Brooke Fox	Cory Lewis - NOVA
	Davin Nielson - Firearms
Officer II	Cory Lewis - Firearms
Marcus Benhoff	Wyatt Davis - Detective
Justin Miller	Logan Brower - Detective
Bradon Beebe	David Bowen - Detective
Logan Brower	Cade Hooley - SWAT
Ben Besendorfer	Sgt. Clay Hooley – Peer Support
Cade Hooley	Davin Nielson – Peer Support
	Ashlee Guevara – Peer Support
Firearms Awards	Sgt. Dallas Smith – Peer Support
Davin Nielson - Marksman & Expert	David Spencer – FTO
	Ashlee Guevara – FTO
Physical Fitness	Brooke Fox – FTO
Dustin Anderson – Exceptional	Parker Swenson - Phlebotomy
	Davin Nielson - Phlebotomy

Life Saving Awards

Nominated by: Sgt. CyDoran Dennison Officer Cade Hooley	Nominated by: Sgt. Blake Ottesen Officer Wyatt Goforth
Nominated by: Sgt. Cody Harris Officer Marcus Benhoff	Nominated by: Sgt. Dallas Smith Officer Davin Nielson

Unit Citations

Nominated by: Officer Cory Lewis Officer Zhandon Dennison	Nominated by: Sgt. Dallas Smith Officer Jorge Morales
Nominated by: Officer Cory Lewis Officer Wyatt Davis & K9 Iceman	Nominated by: Officer Cory Lewis Officer Kurt Ballantyne

Civilian Employee of the Year

Awarded to Lexi Jackson, Victim Advocate

Officer of the Year

Awarded to Officer Parker Swenson



Chaplain Wesley Ottesen

Citizen's Award of Appreciation



Awarded to PJ Merrill, Traven Elquist, Krista Taylor and Rory Eyring for saving a life at a high school track meet.



**Lexi Jackson
Civilian Employee
of the Year**



**Officer Davin Nielson
Life Saving Award**



**Officer Wyatt Davis
Unit Citation**



**Officer Wyatt Goforth
Life Saving Award**



**Officer Jorge Morales
Unit Citation**



**Officers Ashlee Guevara and Brooke Fox
Master Officers**



**Officer Parker Swenson
Officer of the Year**

Officer of the Year

The Officer of the Year award was given to Officer Parker Swenson. Officer Swenson joined the department in 2022 fresh out of the Police Academy. He serves as a Department Phlebotomist. He received two nominations for this award. He was nominated Sgt. Zach Fossum and by Officer Cory Lewis.



The following are excerpts from his nomination forms:

Officer Swenson consistently goes above and beyond in his duties as a police officer. Compassion, integrity, and professionalism are just some of the qualities that define Officer Swenson. Officer Swenson maintains these qualities during all of his encounters with the public and works through each matter to obtain a favorable outcome. Officer Swenson strives to be professional with everyone in the public that he has contact with whether they are a suspect, victim, or a witness to a crime.

Officer Swenson has shown a strong work ethic during each shift. He is willing to handle any type of call with a positive attitude and is willing to help other officers who have had a busy day and are trying to get caught up. He has also shown that he will stay busy during down time by making traffic stops while showing compassion to those that he pulls over.

In his short time as an officer and in the time that I have spent working with Parker, I have seen nothing but dedication to our department and to his peers. With our workloads increasing and constantly being short-handed, I have never heard him complain, not once. He is always willing to jump in and pick up the slack where help is needed. Parker is always willing to pick up a shift for a co-worker or to cover a shift on short notice when someone is sick. He works hard when he is on the clock and is constantly trying to improve by asking questions and jumping tough calls to gain more experience.

It's not always the case that we look forward to working with specific people in this job, but I look forward to working with Parker when I can. I appreciate his bold but kind natured, genuine personality, as well as his desire to be the best officer that he can be. He will respond courageously to calls that require swift and immediate action without delay, but can also take the time to see a case finished through to the end, and to make sure that the victims are left feeling that their needs have been met.

Parker exemplifies what a Spanish Fork Police Officer should be and is a true example of a team player. He is willing to put in the time and effort to be great and I look forward to watching him develop his bright and opportunity filled career. His genuine, good-natured, hardworking personality makes him a favorite amongst those that he works with as well as those that he works for.

Distinguished Visitors



Lt Cory Slaymaker, Lt Brandon Anderson Lt Governor Deidra Henderson, Chief Matt Johnson, Lt Cade Harding



Sgt Lance Rudd, Representative John Curtis, Chief Matt Johnson

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

2024 has been a great year for Spanish Fork City Emergency Management. We have worked hard to build relationships with our community members and all stakeholders, so that we can be prepared to work together through emergencies and disasters. Through our preparedness activities and outreach programs, exercises and training, real life emergency response and recovery, we are moving toward our goal of a more prepared and resilient community. One of the major projects this year has been to work with FEMA and the state of Utah to recover funds spent during the 2023 flooding event. This has been an arduous effort, but we are nearing the end, securing nearly \$2 million in recovery.

We focused on wildfire mitigation, by engaging the community in the wildland-urban interface to chop down and chip away excess wildfire fuel to protect their homes and property. We organized a city-wide food drive in time for the holiday season, securing 7,000 pounds of donated goods. We held various functional and full-scale exercises, including a mass casualty exercise at the fairgrounds. Finally, Trevor Sperry was able to deploy to North Carolina to assist with recovery efforts after the devastation of Hurricane Helene. There has been lots of progress made and lessons learned as we continue our mission in the “Home of Pride and Progress.”

Notable activities completed

- Purchased low angle rescue gear for Fire Department
- Organized communication planning committee post hazmat spill up Highway 6
- Organized CERT First Responder Rehabilitation team
- Held Battle of the Badges blood drive: 56 donations, capable of saving 170 lives
- Had Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) come out and perform vulnerability assessments on water system, City Hall, Library Hall, Wastewater plant
- In collaboration with Abigail’s Oven, held a sourdough preparedness class with 130 residents attending
- Held Block captain training for over 100 residents
- Organized a missing person search on Maple Mountain with over 50 volunteers



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Emergency Manager

