



Spanish Fork Police Department

2026

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Department Structure



DEPARTMENTS

- Administrative
- Patrol
- Investigations

Spanish Fork Police Department Force, led by Chief Matt Johnson



Admin Lieutenant
Cory Slaymaker



Admin Sergeant
Lance Rudd



Administrative Specialist
Paula Berns



Administrative Specialist
Emily Williams



Administrative Office



Victim Advocate
Lexi Jackson



Office Coordinator
Celeste Thorpe



Administrative

School Resource Officers

**American Leadership
Academy**



**Detective
Dustin Anderson**

**Spanish Fork
High School**



**Detective
Kylie Packard**

**Diamond Fork Middle &
Spanish Fork Junior
High**



**Detective
Brooke Fox**

**Maple Mountain
High School**



**Detective
Marcus Benhoff**

**Landmark
High School**



**Detective
Bryce Fevold**



Patrol



Patrol Lt. Cade Harding



Sgt. Blake Ottesen



Sgt. Cy Dennison



Sgt. Zach Fossum



Sgt. Dallas Smith



Clint Peterson



Bret Smith



Chris Olson



Dave Spencer



Jorge Morales



Cullen Carter



Wyatt Goforth



Ben Besendorfer



Cade Hooley



Davin Nielson



Zhandon Dennison



Parker Swenson



Ashlee Guevara



Justin Miller



Patrol



Cory Lewis



Tyler Moos



Brad McKee



Mike Bartold



Austin Lunt



John Green



Jaxton Howard



Cody Sampson



Moises Fernandez



Lt. Brandon Anderson



Sgt. Cody Harris



Detective Brandon Beebe



Detective Wyatt Davis



Major Crimes David Bowen



City Drug Officer
Logan Brower

Investigations



Emergency Management

- Taught 12 months of Preparedness topics for residents at the Library
- Certified Spanish Fork as “Storm Ready” with the National Weather Service
- Held numerous blood drives that collected nearly 300 donations, with the ability to save nearly 900 lives
- Awarded the 2025 Community Champion Award with the American Red Cross
- Secured large generator use agreement with Ace Rents for mass shelter in Spanish Fork
- Assisting as a member of Utah and Wasatch County Hazard Mitigation Planning committee
- Helped organize and execute Major Brent Taylor 9/11 project
- Purchased starlink for various sites around the city
- Organized city drill, with 1355 homes participating
- Building CERT Rehab trailer for First Responders
- Annual Emergency Preparedness Fair
- Assisted UVU and Red Cross with recovery from Charlie Kirk shooting
- City sponsored food drive
- Conducted home fire risk assessments in the Oaks
- Wildfire Mitigation Oaks Neighborhood
- Mass Casualty Exercise at Maple Mountain High School
- CERT Training for City Employees



Trevor Sperry
Emergency
Preparedness
Manager

Police Workload Comparison



Year	Number of Officers	Traffic Accidents Reportable/Total	Arrests Made	Number of Calls for Service	Number of Calls for Service Per Officer
2015	31	818/954	2,570	23,364	754
2016	32	769/915	3,051	24,250	758
2017	36	539/880	2,724	24,130	670
2018	36	560/956	2,215	25,129	698
2019	39	609/1,005	2,393	26,337	675
2020	39	Not available/864	1,960	23,427	600
2021	41	1,017	1,822	23,321	568
2022	42	1,092	2,152	26,139	622
2023	42	1,073	2,025	25,130	598
2024	42	1,155	1,726	28,355	675
2025	44	973	1,859	27,691	629



Traffic Accidents

2023	1073
2024	1155
2025	973

	PROPERTY DAMAGE	PERSONAL INJURY	FATALITY	AUTO/PEDESTRIAN
2023	864	199	4	6
2024	934	206	3	12
2025	728	231	3	11





Traffic Accident Major Locations

Top Accident Locations	Injury Accidents	Damage Accidents	Total Accidents
400 N Main Street	6	16	22
Hwy 6 Canyon Creek	8	14	22
Hwy 6 Sp Fork Pkwy	6	9	15
Hwy 6 Expressway Ln	5	10	15
Center & Main	2	13	15
Hwy 6 & Center Street	4	10	14
800 East 400 North	2	11	13



Recruitment & Retention

- Emily Williams Began Employment in January
- Kurt Ballantyne Retired In January
- Austin Lunt Began Employment In March
- John Green Began Employment In August (Additional Officer)
- Officer Resigned In October
- Jaxton Howard Began Employment In November (Additional Officer)
- Officer Resigned In November
- Jill Thorpe Retired In November
- Celeste Thorpe Began Employment In December
- Cody Sampson Began Employment On December 29th
- Moises Fernandez Began Employment On January 10th, 2026
- Sergeant Hooley Resigned On January 8, 2026
- Wyatt Davis Resigned January 29, 2026
- Sergeant Nielsen Retires On February 13, 2026



Use of Force & Citizen Complaints

Year	Use of Force	Citizen Complaints
2020	12	2
2021	49	1
2022	57	4
2023	41	1
2024	68	4
2025	50	5

Artificial Intelligence

Entered Into An AI Pilot Program With Code 4 AI

[Code4AI](#) [Fox13News](#)

- Time Savings
- Increased Accuracy & Consistency
- Improved Officer Efficiency
- Faster Data Analysis
- Enhanced Compliance
- Better Resource Allocation





Drones

KUTV Drone



- **Situational Awareness:** Immediate aerial perspective for officers, especially in complex or large-scale events.
- **Search and Rescue:** Quickly cover vast or hazardous terrains, locate missing persons, and use thermal sensors in low light.
- **Crisis Negotiation:** Act as flying phones with two-way communication for barricaded suspects, reducing direct confrontation.
- **Crime Scene Mapping:** Create detailed 3D models for accident/crime scene reconstruction and evidence preservation.
- **Tactical Operations:** Scout dangerous situations like active shooter events or hazardous materials, providing intel before entry.
- **Crowd Monitoring:** Real-time monitoring of large gatherings for potential disturbances.



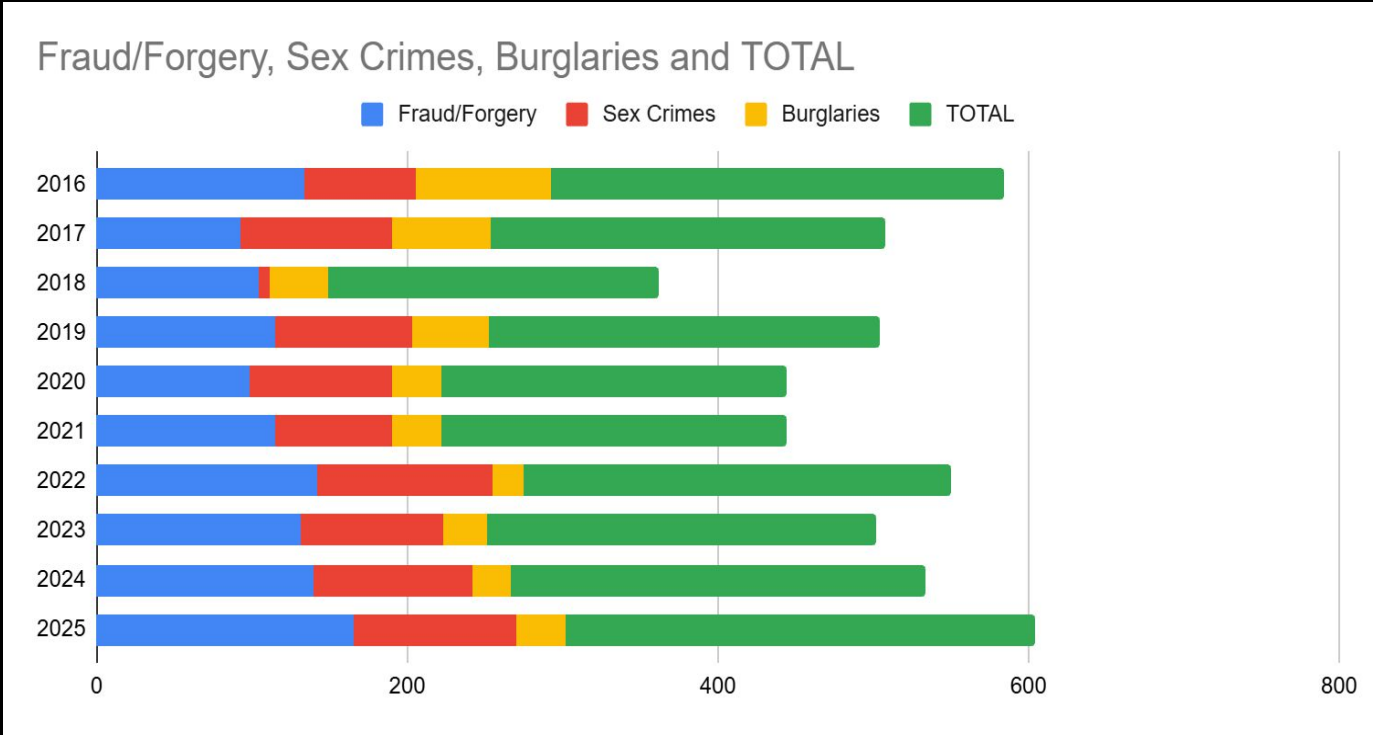
Manpower Needs

- Detective
- Two Patrol Officers
- Part-time Victim Advocate

Victim Services

- ❖ Have not added an additional detective since 2016
- ❖ Significant Increase In Overtime, Reduce Fatigue and Burnout
- ❖ 12,400 Hours Of Leave Time Used By Sworn Personnel Averages 5.96 Employees Absent From Work

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Fraud/Forgery	134	93	104	115	99	115	142	131	140	166
Sex Crimes	72	97	70	88	91	75	113	92	102	104
Burglaries	86	64	38	49	32	32	20	28	25	32
TOTAL	292	254	213	252	222	222	275	251	267	302



Investigations



2025 Investigation Case Load

CASE MANAGEMENT ASSIGNED CASES
DOES NOT INC. CASES NOT ASSIGNED IN CASE MANAGEMENT

642

DETECTIVE ASSIGNED

447

SRO ASSIGNED

DOES NOT INC. OFFICER INITIATED CASES AT SCHOOL

195

SEX CRIMES	104
FRAUD	166
RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY	15
BUSINESS BURGLARY	17
DCFS	347
SEX OFFENDER REGISTRY	71
DEATH INVESTIGATIONS	39
ROBBERY	2

ROBBERY

0.3%

DEATH INVESTI...

5.1%

SEX OFFENDER...

9.3%

DCFS

45.6%

SEX CRIMES

13.7%

FRAUD

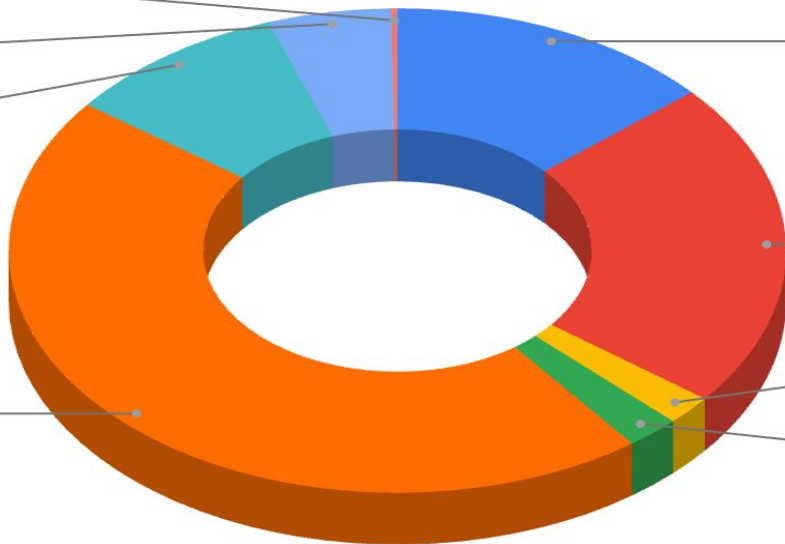
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RESIDENTIAL B...

2.0%

BUSINESS BUR...

2.2%





**Investigation Division
Assigned Incidents
Investigated by
School Resource
Officers**

SPANISH FORK HIGH SCHOOL
DETECTIVE KYLIE PACKARD

115

MAPLE MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL
DETECTIVE MARCUS BENHOFF

96

SPANISH FORK JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
DETECTIVE BROOKE FOX

50

DIAMOND FORK MIDDLE SCHOOL
DETECTIVE BROOKE FOX

39

LANDMARK HIGH SCHOOL
DETECTIVE BRYCE FEVOLD

61

AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY
DETECTIVE DUSTIN ANDERSON

45

The background features a large, semi-transparent seal of the Spanish Fork Police Department. The seal is circular with a five-pointed star in the center. The words "SPANISH FORK" are arched across the top in red, and "POLICE" is arched across the bottom in red. Inside the star, there is a smaller emblem that appears to be a lighthouse or a similar structure. The text "EST. 1893" is also visible within the seal.

Questions or Comments

Thank you, Chief Johnson