Sheriff's Office

Mission Statement

Our fundamental duty is to serve the community. We are actively engaged in improving the quality of life for everyone in Davis County.

Prior Year Inputs/Outputs

FTE (2019):
Full-time: 122 employees
Part-time: 28 employees

Citations Issued:	657
Civil Processes:	325
Domestic Disturbances:	87
DUI Arrests:	82
K9 Searches:	200
Neighborhood Patrols:	398
Paramedic Calls:	1026
Welfare Checks:	152

Core Functions & Services

- Patrol: Provide law enforcement to Fruit Heights, South Weber, and West Point cities & unincorporated areas. Provide paramedic service to Davis County, Search and Rescue, K9 program, canyon patrol, and SWAT.
- Special Services: Provide court security and bailiffs for Farmington, Layton & Bountiful, county-wide emergency management/fire marshal, fleet and equipment management, and department-wide training.
- Investigations: Provide case management, crime lab, evidence storage and disposal, transportation, service of civil papers, background investigations, and bomb squad.

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Current Year Projected Outcomes

This year has brought many challenges to law enforcement and emergency management. As we continue to push through the trials of 2020, we have utilized our budgeted funds to provide leadership and diversity training for all supervisors in the Sheriff's Office, provide laptops and phones to deputies that were previously using shared equipment, to replace one of the expired bomb suits, and to make necessary rotations to our vehicles.

Our Patrol division has experienced several challenges due to COVID-19 and recent civil unrest surrounding law enforcement. As paramedics, our deputies are taking special precautions on medical calls due to the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Additional supplies and PPE were purchased and donated to assist our deputies in their role in the community.

Deputies in all divisions of the Sheriff's Office promptly and proudly supported and assisted local law enforcement agencies during the riots in Salt Lake City earlier this year. Our staff assisted in both law enforcement and paramedic capacities. During these incidents, it was evident that we lack the proper equipment, protective gear, and training to manage public disorder situations.

The K9 program has also faced recent challenges. We have analyzed our current K9 program and the county's ongoing need for K9s in law enforcement and have worked through a staffing model for the K9 program. With extensive K9 training completed in 2020, we are moving in the right direction, but will need to continue to invest in the program in 2021.

Our Emergency Management area has worked diligently with the Health Department and the County Commissioners to lead the county through the current COVID-19 pandemic. In addition to continuous deployment of our emergency management resources for COVID-19, we have also managed emergency situations such as an earthquake, wild fires, and windstorm. We are currently providing security services to the Administration Building. While we have seen some reduction in services such as courts and transportation, we currently have the available staff to maintain the security post, however that may be a challenge as other services begin to resume. We continue to face and support many ongoing county-wide emergency management needs.

Next Year Budget Initiatives

We are continuing to focus on training for all divisions and other law enforcement agencies in the area. With the recent nationwide events in law enforcement, training is more important than ever before. We strive to prepare our deputies with the proper hands-on training, knowledge, and skills to keep our communities and citizens safe. A significant increase in training funding is requested for 2021 in order to offer and allow each deputy to attend specialized training to provide them with the knowledge and skills to successfully preform their roles.

Along with providing our staff with the proper training, we also need to provide them necessary equipment to properly perform their job function and ensure their safety and the safety of citizens. We will be purchasing

basic safety equipment and riot/public order gear and training to equip our each of our deputies with the proper skills and equipment to manage the emergency situation while safeguarding themselves and others.

To continue the development of a suitable K9 program, we are also requesting two replacement K9s and the associated training. This program supports law enforcement agencies countywide and will continue to improve and provide support and resources throughout the county. K9s play an important role in law enforcement and public safety and are essential to many incidents and investigations.

Additional human resources are needed to serve and protect the community and the county government buildings in future years. From a law enforcement regard, we are requesting two additional LEO only deputies to allow for proper staffing and improved response times especially in some of the rural or reactional areas of the county. Our patrol staffing and scheduling model is lacking due to a shortage of deputies available during any given shift. Additionally, as our established services such as court security and transportation resume to normal levels, we will need to hire two additional deputies to provide security at the Administration Building. As we continue to provide emergency management leadership and services in the county, we are requesting a position to assist our current Emergency Manager with ongoing tasks and projects. This position is currently supported through the CARES Act funding, however, we would like to continue this position after said funding expires.