

# BLUFFDALE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ***“GOOD TO KNOW...”***

FROM THE DESK OF:

CPL. AARON D. ROSEN, PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER.

---

### **(POLICE BLOTTER INFORMATION- July 2010)**

---

#### **STATISTICAL DATA:**

Since July 1, the Bluffdale Police Department has handled a total of **201** reported incidents. (Inception-to-date)

The Department currently has **5 Patrol/Supervisory Officers**, patrolling Bluffdale City. Each officer works 12hr.shifts, providing the residents 24/7- 365 coverage; with police supervision round-the-clock, and assistance from Saratoga Springs Police Officers.

The Department currently has **1 sworn Investigator**, who also serves as the precinct supervisor. He is assigned in-house. He has been working **48 active** cases, for **July 2010**. He has had an approximate clearance and/or solvability rate of: **6%**.

#### **DEPARTMENT HAPPENINGS:**

The Bluffdale Police Department recently had a swearing-in ceremony for their new police officers. This occurred during a City Council meeting. The change-over of police services occurred on July 1, 2010. The City Council, Mayor, and city residents welcomed: Corporal Kevin Turner (Supervisor), Officer Nathan Harris (Utah County SO), Officer Shane Taylor (Unified PD), Officer Merrick Pack (Farmington PD), and Officer Kevin Flinton (Airport PD). Also welcomed was part-time records clerk Kelli Brownlee. They are all thrilled to begin a partnership with the residents of Bluffdale. They will wear similar uniforms, badges, and equipment as the Saratoga Springs officers, however, they will be labeled ‘Bluffdale’. They will also drive vehicles that will appear similar to the Saratoga Springs Police Department; however they too, are marked with “Bluffdale” on the side. Feel free to stop-by the City Offices and visit the Bluffdale PD offices, and meet your newest public servants!

---

### **(POLICE BLOTTER INFORMATION- July 2010/Con't.)**

---

## **CASE SAMPLING FOR JULY 2010:**

### **#1- TELEPHONIC HARASSMENT**

A BDPD Officer responded to the report of a telephonic harassment. The caller, a 17 year-old boy called and left a vulgar voice-mail message on the cellular phone of his ex-girlfriend. The girl played the message for her grandfather; he in turn called the young man on the phone to confront him about it. The boy told the gentleman that there was nothing that he could do about it. We were called and made contact with the boy. He said he was upset that his ex-girlfriend had written disparaging things about him on Facebook. Telephonic Harassment charges are pending with the Prosecutor.

### **#2- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

On July 8, members of the Bluffdale PD responded to a residence on the west-side of town. The officers were told that the wife of the suspect had called 911 to report that her husband had kicked down the door to their residence. When officers arrived the man had fled on foot. The woman had been grabbed and assaulted physically. She was thrown out onto their front porch before he left the area. An alert BDPD Officer spotted the man in the area less than four days later. The man was subsequently arrested on-scene, and booked into the Salt Lake County Jail for felony charges.

### **#3- PIPE THEFT**

Officers responded to a local business who reported nearly 60 steel pipes missing. At some point during the night of July 21, unknown suspects entered a steel yard and stole nearly \$8,000 worth of pipe. The method of entry onto the yard is still unknown, as the entry gate was locked.

### **#4- TEXTING CAUSES CONCERN**

On July 17, a BDPD Officer, while on Patrol, was flagged-down by a resident. The officer was told that the daughter of this resident had received nearly 20 texts on her cellular phone while at Girl's Camp. The 14 year-old girl, and her 13 year-old friend found the naked text photos when they turned-on their cell phones after camp. They told the unknown suspect that he'd sent explicit photos to a 'wrong number'. The suspect apologized via text.

### **#5- HIT-AND-RUN TURNS TO DUI**

BDPD Officers responded to a residence near 146<sup>th</sup> South on July 16<sup>th</sup>. A woman had entered a home that did not belong to her. She was found by the homeowner inside his bathroom. When she was confronted, she fled the house and collapsed in his driveway, next to her vehicle. The alert BDPD Officer, who heard a previous 'Attempt to Locate' from Dispatch, recognized the vehicle as having been wanted in an earlier hit-and-run. The vehicle's 25 year-old driver was taken to Riverton Hospital for injuries sustained in the earlier crash. The woman was later arrested for DUI.

### **#6- TOOLS TAKEN**

A BDPD Officer was asked to file a Theft report at the request of the victim. It was alleged that the victim and his wife, who operate a mechanic shop on their property, had several tools stolen by a purported former employee. The victim said that he went outside to his shop and commenced working on a vehicle that had been previously worked-on by the suspect. When he began to look for the tools he lent to the former employee, he noticed several of his tools were stolen. The employee in question has not returned to work since.

---

## **(POLICE BLOTTER INFORMATION- July 2010/Con't.)**

---

### **#7- ANOTHER COURTROOM DUI**

A defendant showed-up to court allegedly under the influence of prescription medication. The man, who was appearing on a previous DUI charge, appeared in court and couldn't maintain his balance. His speech was slurred, and other physiological indicators caused the alert SSPD officer in the courtroom to contact the defendant. He admitted to having taken a prescription pill that would've caused significant impairment. The defendant also admitted to having operated the vehicle that took him to the courthouse. He was field tested, and subsequently arrested in the courtroom. The judge imposed a \$2,500 bail, and ordered him to be taken to jail immediately.

#### **#8- GRAFFITI**

While off-duty, an alert Saratoga Springs Police Officer noticed a significant amount of fresh graffiti that had been sprayed on a prominent underpass near Bangerter Highway. The SSPD Officer contacted the on-duty BDPD Officer, and requested that he take a police report. This information was passed along to Bluffdale City's Public Works Division for clean-up and removal. (Anyone with tips regarding this case is encouraged to contact the BDPD offices.)

#### **#9- LOCAL STORE BURGLARIZED**

Officers were requested to respond to an area repair shop on the report of an overnight burglary and theft. The alert BDPD Officer noticed a portion of a metal roof that had been pulled-back far enough for the unknown suspect to slip through a small opening in the roof. The suspect took some money from the cash register, and a computerized diagnostic tool, which is valued at nearly \$3,200. Investigations has recovered the stolen diagnostic tool and arrested the suspect. The investigation is continuing.

For more information or public safety tips, be sure to check out the **Bluffdale Police Information Page** (via the Saratoga Springs Police Department's website). There is also a **FREE** Crime Prevention Newsletter. This feature is being provided as a community resource in order to better inform residents of basic tips and tools in preventing crime, upcoming events, and other community policing resources. You can find the newsletter by connecting to: <<http://www.saratoga-springs.net/departments/publicsafety/police/>> and click the 'Crime Prevention Newsletter' link, which is found along the left-hand column.

**Have a great summer, and drive safely!**

-Cpl. Aaron D. Rosen, PIO Bluffdale Police Department