

# SARATOGA SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT



## ***“GOOD TO KNOW...”***

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### **(POLICE BLOTTER INFORMATION- January 2011)**

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#### **STATISTICAL DATA:**

In 2011, the Saratoga Springs Police Department has handled a total of **504** offenses, to date.

The Department handled: **421** reported incidents in January 2011. (~~429~~- in 2010; ~~344~~- in 2009).

The Investigations Division has been working **68 active** cases during the month of: **January 2011**.

### **BE READY SARATOGA SPRINGS**

At the publication of this report, the City and its residents have seen an increase in dramatic shifts from ‘Mother Nature’: extreme cold, unseasonable warmth, large amounts of rainfall, heavy snowfall, property flooding, melting/cracking ice on Utah Lake, minor earthquakes, and power outages.

It is part of the Mission of the Saratoga Springs Police Department to assist in providing information to its residents and assist in their readiness for any type of natural occurrence, natural disaster, or man-made calamity. The SSPD and its Neighborhood Outreach programs provide several home-based meetings that inform, instruct, and demonstrate methods for successful preparedness techniques for homeowners within the City. If you or your neighbors are interested in learning more about the SSPD Neighborhood Outreach programs, please call our offices for more information, (801) 766-6503.

Additional resources are also available on the internet, via the State of Utah website:

[BeReadyUtah.gov](http://BeReadyUtah.gov)



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### **CASE SAMPLING FOR JANUARY 2011:**

#### **#1- INSIDE JOB**

SSPD Officers were asked to respond to a local retailer. The store's Loss Prevention Teams had completed an internal investigation in regards to an ongoing Theft ring. The store management said that they had several employees who'd been stealing from their day-to-day operations by intentionally reducing the price of various items of merchandise at the cash registers. These discounts were allegedly provided to other employees while they were checking-out at the registers. The alleged involved employees were terminated from the company. Following their termination, several were placed under arrest for the thefts.

#### **#2- CONSTRUCTION SITE THEFTS**

SSPD Officers responded to over five theft and burglary reports at various construction sites in Saratoga Springs. Two prominent burglary sites included the new elementary school job sites. Several hundred feet of copper wire were also listed as having been stolen. Included in the burglaries were cut storage sheds, which housed tens of thousands of dollars of power tools, supplies and equipment. After-hours suspicious activity on construction sites should always be reported to police.

#### **#3- POLICE K-9 FINDS DRUGS IN VEHICLE**

On January 20<sup>th</sup> SSPD Officers conducted a traffic stop of a vehicle near the Dalmore Meadows subdivision, along Redwood Rd. After conducting a brief investigation, SSPD K-9 Officer 'Montey' was deployed, and he provided an alert to Officers, stating that illegal narcotics were present inside the vehicle. The driver also admitted to driving the car while possibly under the influence of heroin. 'Montey' found additional narcotics and contraband inside the passenger compartment. Three adults were arrested on-scene. One five year-old girl was taken into police care, and later released to DCFS for placement.

#### **#4- CARBON MONOXIDE DEATH**

Officers responded to the Millcreek subdivision on the report of a resident complaining of a Carbon Monoxide alarm going-off. When officers arrived, they discovered an unresponsive male inside a parked motor vehicle inside his garage. The man was checked for a pulse, but none was found. SSPD Officers immediately began CPR and other lifesaving measures, until SSFD and EMS crews responded to the scene to assume those duties. The man was transported to an area hospital in extremely critical condition; he was later pronounced deceased by a physician. The investigation into this man's death is ongoing by the Investigations Division and the Utah Medical Examiner.

#### **#5- HIGH SCHOOL AGGRAVATED ASSAULT**

A Westlake High School student, attending an extra-circular event at the WLHS campus, was reportedly assaulted by four unknown Hispanic males. The victim reported receiving threats during a ballgame. After the game, the student was confronted by these four men, near the campus. After the alleged assault, the student broke free from the suspects and ran down the road. A group of passers-by found the distressed and injured student, and sought help from police immediately.

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### #6- SEXUAL ASSAULT

SSPD Officers responded to the area of the Ridge Road Condominiums, on the report of a sexual assault that had just occurred. The suspect fled the scene in his vehicle, but was later apprehended with the assistance of another local police agency. The victim claimed that she was forcibly assaulted, sexually, by a male co-worker friend. The man was also interviewed. He stated the sexual encounter was consensual and even further, claimed that it was the reported victim's suggestion that they meet. Both parties were interviewed by officers, and the case investigation is ongoing. The man was released to go home to his wife and children. Following medical treatment and forensic testing, the victim was also allowed to go home.

### #7- MIDDLE SCHOOL VANDALISM

The SSPD School Resource Officer was asked to respond to the Vista Heights Middle School on the report of a 13 year-old boy who was found to have caused significant damage to various school supplies and tools, inside of a storage shed. A school employee heard various items being thrown around inside the shed, and found the young man inside. School officials reported the incident to the SRO and the boy's guardian. The boy was referred to the juvenile court system.

### #8- CURFEW VIOLATIONS

An alert SSPD Officer, found a vehicle being occupied by two juveniles. After a brief interview with both individuals, it was determined that the couple was engaged in activity that was unlawful in a public park. The young man was cited for his involvement in this case; the young lady was also cited for providing false information to the officer. She claimed to be someone she wasn't. Curfew for all persons under 18 years of age, any day of the week, is 10:00pm.

### UPCOMING EVENTS/INFORMATION:

Don't forget! This spring will bring about activities that support the Special Olympics Utah, and the Utah Law Enforcement Torch Run. Those events include: The 2011 Polar Plunge, Tip-A-Cop, and the Torch Run. The Saratoga Springs Police Department, and its staff, is proud to help our special athletes as they prepare to travel to Athens, Greece for the World Games.

### PIO INFORMATION

For more information or public safety tips, be sure to check out the Saratoga Springs Police Department's Crime Prevention Newsletter. This feature is being provided as a community resource in order to better inform our residents of basic information, tips and tools in preventing crime, upcoming events, and other community policing resources. You can find the newsletter by connecting to:

[<http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/departments/publicsafety/police/>](http://www.saratogaspringscity.com/departments/publicsafety/police/)

Click the 'Crime Prevention Newsletter' link, which is found along the left-hand column. The SSPD also provides updated information and emergency notification through Facebook (search: *Saratoga Springs Police Department- Utah*) and Twitter: *SSPD*. -Cpl. A. Rosen, SSPD PIO