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Giving Our Officers Due Respect

By Councilmember Mike Shelton



A short time ago, I heard a story that really upset me. One of my friends is a sergeant with the Unified Police Department. He has enjoyed a distinguished career, spanning more than 20 years as a police officer.

He was recently in a convenience store in his home town of Cottonwood Heights. He was wearing his uniform, which made it easy to identify him as a law enforcement officer. He was in line, waiting to pay for his items when a woman whom he did not recognize as anyone he had met before walked up behind him and got his attention. As he turned to face her, she looked him in the face and spit on him. She said something to the effect of: "That is for what you represent".

He explained to me that he has come to expect that kind of behavior when he is making an arrest, but to have a random convenience store patron treat him that way was shocking even to him.

National and local news stories have created a very

difficult environment for police officers. My friends in the law enforcement profession tell me that we may now be at a generational "low" in terms of the respect and civility that we show our officers.

My experience with the police has been very different from the stereotypes they are so often painted with today.

I have come to know some of them well enough to have great respect for the kind of people that they are, and for the work they do. I count some of them as my dear friends. Being involved in city government, I am aware that there are occasional problems with officers. In every bushel of apples, you will find a few worms. This is true of butchers, bakers, candlestick makers and cops. On average, cops are about as good a group of individuals as you will find in any walk of life. Like most of us, they expect to work hard, be paid an honest wage for their efforts, and hope that their work results in some good.

The officers that I know hold themselves and their colleagues to high standards.

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Cottonwood Heights Arts Council Events

March 21

Cottonwood Heights Community Orchestra Spring Concert - 7:00 p.m.
Butler Middle School

July 25, 27, 30
Aug. 1

Summer Musical - Shrek the Musical
Butler Middle School

Auditions for Shrek the Musical are May 8-9, 2015. Please come prepared with 16 bars of song from a similar musical. Look for more info in the coming months.



The Cottonwood Heights Arts Council is considering sponsoring a community choir. This volunteer group would rehearse one evening a week and perform regularly throughout the community.

If interested in participating (as a singer, accompanist, or conductor), please email Kim Pedersen at kpetersen@ch.utah.gov.



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Spring Orchestra Concert

If you have missed hearing our own Cottonwood Heights Community Orchestra, make sure you don't miss their spring orchestra concert! They are a wonderful group of volunteers who make beautiful music together! **Saturday, March 21, 2015** at the **Butler Middle School 7:00 p.m.** ■

Shrek

Don't miss everyone's favorite ogre in Shrek the Musical! This will be a great show for the whole family!

Follow Cottonwood Heights Arts Council on Facebook for info on upcoming events! ■

Breinholt Brings Music to Butler Middle School Students



After performing with the Cottonwood Heights Community Orchestra for a special holiday concert in early December, Peter Breinholt made another trip to Butler Middle School to share his talents with music students.

Breinholt performed and spoke with kids about music and what it took for him to get to where he is. ■



History Question of the Month

Who was principal of the Butler Elementary School from 1939 to 1951?

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They expect the public to hold them to high standards as well. They often trust their lives to those they work with, and therefore tolerate very little that would diminish public or private trust.

The requirements of their jobs mean that they often have to demand respect. While most of us bristle at those who demand respect, we should remember that demanding respect is part of their training. It improves their safety in a dangerous job. They learn the instinct to run toward situations that most of us have the instinct to run away from. They are charged with

occasionally (more often than you would hope) forced to make split-second life and death decisions under extreme pressure. They have to weigh their own lives, or the lives of other innocent people against the life of someone who appears to be willing to do harm. I'm grateful for the officers who are willing to put themselves in that position. Society needs people who are willing to make those difficult decisions. I have great respect for the men and women who fill those needs.

I have had the opportunity to participate in a few 'ride alongs' and experience law enforcement first hand. I leave my house

helpful, kind, even heroic. I could tell you story after story of officers doing something deserving of great praise and respect. I have seen unusual good in them far more often than I have seen anything else.

For those who have had experiences which lead you to be more cynical about the men and women of law enforcement – I would like to provide another perspective.

Dale Carnegie once quoted an old saying: "Give a dog a bad name and you may as well hang him." He added his own wisdom, saying, "Almost everyone – rich man, poor man, beggar man, thief – lives up to the reputation of honesty that is bestowed upon him."

If you want bad police officers, treat police officers badly. When you spit in the face of one of them, your results are self-fulfilling. No good man or woman wants to work in an environment of suspicion and disrespect. Treat officers poorly, and you will find that only the poorest recruits will sign up for the job.

We should hold officers to high standards. At the same time we should also treat them with the great respect and appreciation they deserve. I am so grateful to the good men and women of law enforcement. To those noble officers who have been treated poorly, I am sincerely sorry. I hope that we all will take the opportunity to be kind to a cop. ■

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enforcement. Society asks them to be the enforcer of the rules. When we break the rules, we hate to get caught. They are sometimes the bearer of bad news. We should never forget that this is exactly the job that we as society have asked them to do. If they fail to enforce the rules, we would consider them to have failed at their jobs, and society would collapse.

Most of us make decisions every day, and make decisions with ample time to consider alternatives. Most of us are not in a position where our decisions impact life and death. Unfortunately, in the line of their duty, police officers are

with a sense of nervousness every time I go. I think about the officer who attempted to assist a stranded motorist, or the officer who walked up on a car after a routine traffic stop, or the officer who was serving a warrant, each of whom never came back home. It reminds me of what the families of police officers deal with every day. These families know that there is a good chance that their loved one will find himself or herself in harm's way. These officers and their families deserve our kindness, our respect and our appreciation.

My experiences with the police have shown me that most of them are generous,

A New Look For Ft. Union?

Cottonwood Heights' city planners are excited about a potential development revitalization along the Fort Union Corridor. In order to encourage development along this main road, the city's Community and Economic Development Department is creating a new Planned District Development (PDD) zoning classification to instigate a new look and feel to Cottonwood Heights.

"This new zoning proposal is a tool that property owners can use that allows

a high level of flexibility for the area along Fort Union, and up by the gravel pit," said Community and Economic Development Director Brian Berndt. "The city's general plan, created when Cottonwood Heights first incorporated ten years ago, outlines the potential for that corridor to be a vibrant, walkable main street."

At a workshop held on Wednesday, Jan. 14, department officials presented the PDD proposal to several members of the community. The plan will be put before



the planning commission in February. A draft of this zoning proposal can be found on the Cottonwood Heights website. Feedback from city residents and business owners is welcome. ■



The City Celebrates 10 Years

On January 16th and 17th, Cottonwood Heights celebrated the 10-year anniversary of incorporation. The festivities included a special program hosted by KUTV's Mark Koelbel and Shauna Lake on Friday night - with musical numbers by the Brighton High School choirs and the Cottonwood Heights Community

Orchestra. A 10-minute video chronicling the history of the area was shared, along with a speech by Mayor Cullimore reviewing the accomplishments of the last decade and the current state of the city. Winners of the city youth banner art contest were also honored.

On Saturday, a special carnival was held

at the Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center that was filled to overflowing. There were games, inflatable attractions, free skating and swimming, along with a pictorial display of the historic timeline of Cottonwood Heights.

Thanks to all who participated, and here's to 10 more years! ■

Passing the Gavel

Gov. Gary R. Herbert has appointed William K. Kendall as a judge to fill a vacancy on the 3rd District Court. Kendall has replaced outgoing Judge Robin Reese, who retired on December 31, 2014. Reese served 14 years on the bench.

Both Kendall and Reese are residents of Cottonwood Heights.

"William Kendall is well known for his dedicated service to the criminal justice system and his reputation as a skilled trial lawyer. His broad base of experience, extensive trial practice, temperament, and knowledge of criminal law will serve the 3rd District well," said Gov. Herbert.

Kendall previously served as an Assistant U.S. Attorney and the deputy violent crimes section chief at the United

States Attorney's Office for the District of Utah, where he also served as the anti-gang and robbery coordinator. Prior to his service with the United States Attorney's Office, he served as a Deputy District Attorney for Salt Lake County (2000-2007) and a district executive at the Boy Scouts of America (1997-2000).

"It is an honor and privilege to be appointed by Governor Herbert," said Kendall. "I am grateful for the confidence he has shown in me and look forward to continuing my service to the people of Utah in this new role. I will work diligently to carry out the duties of a 3rd District judge with reason, integrity and civility." ■



Judge William K. Kendall



Judge Robin Reese

Police Body Cameras: Some Issues Worth Examination

By CH Police Chief Robby Russo

With all of the recent controversy related to police shootings, “body worn cameras” for officers will become standard. The Utah Legislature will probably be looking at the issue and attempting to establish a template to give guidance in this



area. The Cottonwood Heights Police Department (CHPD) is testing various camera manufacturers and looking for funding sources. There is substantial cost

not only with the acquisition but storage and civilian staff to manage the data and devices. For instance, if officers have recorded very personal information on a medical call, the law isn't clear on what should be kept from the public record. How long do we keep the video? Who can access it? Do we redact audio or video of some uninvolved parties? The issue is more complicated on the back end than one may think.

Body cameras can protect officers and provide more information about what happened. It's not uncommon for the human mind in high stress situations to confuse or repress the memory and shouldn't be seen as the only instrument to make a fair and impartial judgment.

Body cameras are a good idea and most of our officers actually are embracing the concept, but for those that believe the camera will end the controversy - that isn't necessarily so. A camera can be a valuable device, but like any tool - it has limitations. Dr. Bill Lewinski, the executive director of the Force Science Institute is considered one of the foremost experts in this area. He makes the observation that “A camera doesn't follow your eyes or see as they see,” and that there may be influential human factors and can't track where you

are looking from one microsecond to the next.

Lewinski also noted the following:

SOME IMPORTANT DANGER CUES CAN'T BE RECORDED.

“Tactile cues that are often important to officers in deciding to use force are difficult for cameras to capture,” Lewinski says. “Resistive tension is a prime example. You can usually tell when you touch a suspect whether he or she is going to resist. You may quickly apply force as a preemptive measure, but on camera it may look like you made an unprovoked attack, because the sensory cue you felt doesn't record visually.”

A CAMERA MAY SEE BETTER THAN YOU DO IN LOW LIGHT.

“The high-tech imaging of body cameras allows them to record with clarity in many lowlight settings,” Lewinski says. “When footage is screened later, it may actually be possible to see elements of the scene in sharper detail than you could at the time the camera was activated. When footage is reviewed later, it may be evident that the object in his hand was a cell phone, say, rather than a gun. If you're expected to have seen that as clearly as the camera did, your reaction might seem highly inappropriate.”

ONE CAMERA MAY NOT BE ENOUGH.

“The more cameras there are recording a force event, the more opportunities there are likely to be to clarify uncertainties,” Lewinski says. “What looks like an egregious action from one angle may seem perfectly justified from another. Think of the analysis of plays in a football game. In resolving close calls, referees want to view the action from as many cameras

as possible to fully understand what they're seeing. Ideally, officers deserve the same consideration. The problem is that many times there is only one camera involved, compared to a dozen that may be consulted in a sporting event, and in that case the limitations must be kept even firmer in mind.”

CHPD officers are mostly concerned over the aforementioned debate over privacy. When do officers activate the cameras? Should they record sensitive interactions that should not become part of the public record?

Speaking of appropriate activation, when should the camera start recording? It is absurd to think an officer knows ahead of time what situations may result

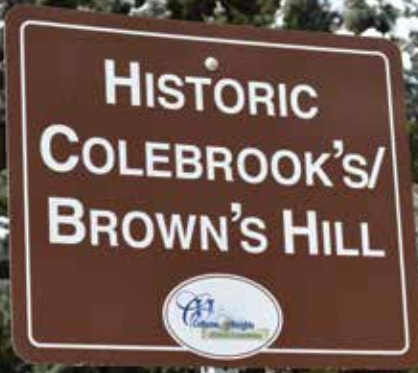


in the use of force or threat of his own life. CHPD officers handle highly emotional domestic situations often without any force. Other times, an officer might stop to help a stalled motorist and face life-threatening situations. These are only a few of the peripheral issues that warrant more discussion about the use of police body cameras.

CHPD is committed to be progressive in this area. We are reviewing existing policies in other jurisdictions, while seeking input from civil rights experts and the legal community.

----Some information from: Force Science Institute ■

Signs Mark Historic Landmarks in Cottonwood Heights



Several signs have been popping up all over Cottonwood Heights over the past month or so. The signs mark areas of historic interest in the city, as designated by the city's Historic Committee.

The districts and landmarks were selected for their significance in the history of the pioneers who settled the area.

The indicated areas include:

- Danish Town
- Butler Hill
- Will Dyer's Road
- Butler Bench
- Colebrook/Brown's Hill
- Union Fort Road
- Poverty Flats
- Pepper's Hill
- Colebrook Corner



Cottonwood Heights Recreation Center 7500 South 2700 East (801) 943-3190

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sweetheart Skate

2 for 1 Ice Skating
Saturday, February 14
7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

Swim Lesson Sign-Up

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for our CHRC swim lessons.

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Youth Programs

- Sports Conditioning
- Flag Football
- 10 & Under Tennis
- Cross Country and more!

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Positions Available

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accepted for
Day-Time Lifeguards
and Child Care.

Pick up an application at the
CHRC Front Desk.



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Parks & Recreation

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Answer

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Harold W. Blair was born February 10, 1915, at Granite, Utah, to Parley and Ivy Dean Cowley Blair. A short time later, his family moved to a farm in Butlerville. He received his early education in the Jordan School District, attending Butler Elementary, Sandy Jr. High and Jordan High School. After graduating from high school, he attended Snow College in Ephraim, Utah. He taught school for three years in the Uintah Basin before returning to Butlerville to live with his parents. He taught one year in Riverton before serving

as principal of the Butler Elementary School, where he also taught 5th and 6th grades. On May 28, 1941 he married Shirley Ruth Wilson from Butlerville. He and his wife moved into the house west of the school, where they lived for 10 years. Harold graduated from the University of Utah in 1947 with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and received his Masters Degree in Administration in 1955. All of his additional schooling was done at night school, summer school and correspondence. After leaving Butler Elementary, some of the positions he held were: Principal at Riverton Junior

High School, Vice Principal at Mt. Jordan Junior High, and Principal of Mountview Elementary School in Greenfield Village. Harold continued working as a teacher and administrator in the Jordan School District for 40 years. He and his wife Shirley made their home in Cottonwood Heights, building a house next to Shirley's parents' home. Harold was active in church and civic affairs. He served on the Cottonwood Heights Community Council and he and his wife served a mission to Argentina. He died April 5, 2009, at the age of 94. ■



CHPD Expanding Community Policing Program

With increased negative nationwide media attention toward police, The Cottonwood Heights Police Department is working hard to foster our partnership with our citizens. We value our relationship with our residents, and want you to become better acquainted with those who serve you as employees of the police department.

Sir Edmund Burke, the father of community policing said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men (and women) to do nothing."

We invite you to become our partner in the fight against crime in our community, to get to know what resources are available through your city and police department to become the "eyes and ears" of our department.

We are excited to announce that CHPD is expanding its community policing program in an effort to increase public participation, promote a better understanding of our department mission and to more effectively reduce criminal activity in our city.

Sharon Broadhead is the new civilian employee liaison for CHPD. In the past, Officer Michael Galieti and Sheila Jennings have specialized in community policing. Chief Robby Russo and Assistant Chief Paul Brenneman want to encourage a culture of good residential service. They have instructed all officers to get out of their vehicles and introduce themselves to the community including neighborhood watch volunteers, business people and school children. Hopefully, this will

encourage the officers to better understand the community in which they serve and will give our citizens an opportunity to become familiar with their police officers.

We will continue to offer training on neighborhood watch, personal safety, robbery prevention, & child safety. We are willing to tailor training to your needs. **Call Sharon at 801-944-7104** to make an appointment.

We encourage you to use the resources available to you to build a strong, safe, self-reliant neighborhood. Cottonwood Heights Neighborhood Watch works hand in hand with "CH Get Ready" to train for any kind of emergency. ■

City Council Members

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Animal Control 840-4000
Justice Court..... 273-9731

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City Planning 944-7065
Public Works 944-7090
Recorder 944-7020
Finance Director..... 944-7012
Code Enforcement... 944-7095
Police Administration. 944-7100

Snow Removal Hotline:

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City Council Meetings

Feb. 3 - Work Session Budget Retreat.

Feb. 10 - Work Session 6 p.m.,
Business Meeting 7 p.m.
(Work session reconvenes after
business meeting.)

Feb. 17 - Work Session 6 p.m.

Feb. 24 - Work Session 6 p.m.,
Business Meeting 7 p.m.
(Work session reconvenes after
business meeting.)

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Mountain Accord Public Comments Sought

Do you want to have a say in determining the future of our canyons? The Mountain Accord is an unprecedented collaboration of diverse groups with shared interests concerning the canyons that surround Cottonwood Heights. The combined scenarios for the initiative will balance the demands the environment,

transportation, economy and recreation. Please take time to learn about the initiative and make your voice heard by visiting www.mountainaccord.com between **Feb. 4 – March 6**. ■



New Officers Sworn In



Officer Mike Patterson



Officer Mike Kiesel



Sgt. Ken Dailey

Cottonwood Heights' newest police officers were sworn in during City Council meeting on January 13, 2015. Another officer was promoted to sergeant.

Please welcome Officer Mike Patterson and Officer Mike Kiesel to the CHPD, and congratulate Sgt. Ken Dailey for his advancement. ■



Streaming Audio On The Way

Cottonwood Heights will soon begin streaming official city meetings live online. Look for links to meetings in the coming month..



New Businesses in Cottonwood Heights

BUSINESS

Center For Change
Highland Title Agency
Rakuten Marketing, LLC
The Elm Group, Inc
Wasatch Back Medical

ADDRESS

7050 S Highland Dr. #310
2825 E Cottonwood Pkwy #500
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6768 S 1300 E #200

BUSINESS TYPE

Outpatient Therapy
Title Insurance
Internet Marketing
General Contractor
Wholesale Medical Devices