

**City of Taylorsville Police Officer Award of Excellence -
Detective Denise Ikemiyashiro**

As a member of the Directed Enforcement Unit, Detective Ikemiyashiro investigates nuisance complaints, drug problems, thefts, and other crimes. She interacts with neighborhood groups, businesses, and public institutions to identify problems and develop long-term solutions. Detective Ikemiyashiro also meets with students and faculty at Taylorsville schools to assist in the prevention of bullying and to increase overall student safety.

Detective Ikemiyashiro thoroughly investigates all matters that come to her attention. Many of the individuals responsible for committing these crimes are violent and armed. During 2013, Detective Ikemiyashiro generated over 140 cases through her proactive efforts. She seized 12 firearms, 6 ½ lbs of marijuana, 6 ounces of heroin, 1 ½ ounces of cocaine, and 2 ounces of spice. She was also responsible for the seizure of over \$708,000 in U.S. Currency and assets through her tireless drug investigations. In addition to her primary assignment, Detective Ikemiyashiro's investigative abilities are routinely requested by the Salt Lake Area Metro Gang Unit, U.S. Marshall's Service and Utah County Major Felony Unit. Detective Ikemiyashiro selflessly shares her talents and abilities, mentoring less experienced officers and detectives. Detective Ikemiyashiro is an example to all and instills a sense of confidence in those around her.

Detective Ikemiyashiro is recognized and commended for her tireless and relentless pursuit of career criminals and her high degree of commitment to public safety in the City of Taylorsville.