

Mayor's Award of Excellence Chief Tracy Wyant

Presented by Mayor Kristie Overson

Chief Wyant leads a department that includes patrol, investigations, traffic enforcement, directed enforcement, street crimes, special operations and a full-time school resource officer at Taylorsville High School. The Taylorsville Precinct is known for its outstanding customer service, professionalism and efficiency. It is one of the largest areas in which the Unified Police Department provides law enforcement in the Salt Lake Valley, with about 14 percent of its jurisdiction in Taylorsville.



When we began our partnership with UPD in 2012, the police department inherited some drug-related issues. In response, Chief Wyant focused officers to address these specific problems. With the overriding goal of making our community safer, Chief Wyant sought ways to impact criminal networks and seek justice for violent and prolific career criminals. He has dedicated patrol officers, enforcement units, community-oriented policing detectives and other personnel to tackling problems proactively rather than reactively.

These efforts are having a measurable effect. Crime is down significantly in Taylorsville under Chief Wyant's watch. The result has been a significant decrease in overall crime, including a 41 percent decrease in graffiti, a 33 percent decrease in auto thefts, a 23 percent decrease in fraud, a 10 percent decrease in general thefts and a 6 percent decrease in family offenses.

Chief Wyant, is constantly working to build relationships within the community. He attends every community event he can and has made it a priority to especially support the youth in Taylorsville. Chief Wyant invests in school and civic programs, including drug awareness, prevention of bullying and gang awareness, all while promoting principles of integrity, self-esteem

and community involvement. Because of his focus on the youth, families more readily view the efforts of our police department in a positive light and know our officers are doing all they can to keep our community safe. Not only do his efforts prevent crime but they promote pride in our community.

There is no doubt in my mind that because of Chief Wyant, Taylorsville is a better place to live. For your deep commitment to keeping us safe, and your genuine care for our residents, families and youth, Chief Wyant, I present you with the Mayor's Award of Excellence.