



The WATCHful Eye

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The Dangers of Social Networking Sites on the Internet By Sgt. Travis Lyman

It used to be that the mall, school dance, or movie theater was the popular hang out for young people. Today, teens are logging onto the Internet to socialize and network. The popularity of social networking sites such as MySpace, TeenSpot, Xanga, and Facebook has exploded. MySpace alone reports 73 million registered users, and accounts for 4.5 percent of all U.S. Web activity each day. These sites allow teens to create a profile page about themselves, which can include photos, videos and music, and very personal information. However, the freedom they have to express themselves and interact with others can put them at risk for victimization by on-line criminals. Identity fraud, sexual enticement, exposure to and requests for sexually explicit pictures, bullying, and harassment are just a few of the threats facing our youth on-line.

The Layton Police Department is aggressively pursuing on-line predators, but parents can play a much more effective role in keeping kids safe by educating themselves about their kid's on-line activity, establishing guidelines for Internet use, and then spot-checking the activity. Here are a few tips for parents to consider:

- ☛ Look into safeguarding programs that have monitoring or filtering capabilities.
- ☛ Talk to kids about never meeting in person with anyone they first "met" online.
- ☛ Establish a rule that says that instant messaging is only for real-life friends.
- ☛ Keep the computer in an open area of your home that can be seen by everyone.
- ☛ Get informed about computers and the Internet, and let your kids show you what they can do.
- ☛ Make your kids feel comfortable about talking to you if they see something they are uncomfortable with. If they think they will lose their Internet privileges, they won't tell you about it.

One of the very best resources for parents and others looking for information about specific topics related to Internet safety is the web site www.netsmartz411.org. It can answer just about any question

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TO REACH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL	911
FOR OTHER CALLS	497-8300



New Watch Groups

Welcome to the following area(s):

Spurlock & Payne Area—Richard Allen
Swan Lakes Area—Roberts Farms —Darrell Meibos
Park Village — Joan Orner
Country Creek — Todd Williams



Emergency Preparedness Fair

When: Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Time: 6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Where: Davis Conference Center

Vendors selling preparedness items

Demonstrations & free items

Emergency Vehicles and Helicopters

Activities for the kids

Free Be Ready Layton bag to first 1000 participants with canned food donations for the Family Connection Center Food Bank.



MEET YOUR
POLICE OFFICERS

Sgt. John Holden

As of this July, Sgt. Holden has been over the Community Resource and Code Enforcement Units, joining a staff of quality officers who share great work ethics. He has been with the police department since 1992. Prior to that he worked for the Weber County Sheriff's Office and served as a Lt. in the Utah National Guard.

Sgt. Holden has served in various capacities within law enforcement. He has been a court bailiff, process server and did prisoner transport while with the WCSO. During his tenure with the Layton City Police Department he has served as a patrol officer, a school resource officer, a narcotics officer, SWAT team member and hostage negotiator.

John states, "I look forward to being able to serve the citizen's of Layton in this new capacity. We have some exciting and new things planned for the 07-08 fiscal year, one of which is a number of crime prevention classes we will be teaching at both local high schools and to several community groups. If you have a need for either community resource topics or code enforcement please do not hesitate to call the police department at 497-8300."

Officer Brady Fitzpatrick

Brady is the new Community Resource Officer, replacing Chad Jones. He has held the position since July of this year. His duties include giving presentations to the community, appearing at public fairs and other community gatherings, providing instruction at Neighborhood Watch trainings, giving tours of the police department, and doing child identification kits.

He speaks on topics such as crime prevention, personal safety, identity theft and child safety. Brady is also responsible for running the city's Crime Free Multi-Housing Program. Crime Free Multi-Housing is a partnership between the police department and certified apartment communities to keep illegal activity out of rental properties.

Brady was not born in Utah, but has lived here most of his life. He is a graduate of Layton High School and earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Weber State University. He has been with the Layton Police Department for over three years. Prior to this new position he was assigned to the patrol division. Brady believes Layton City is a great place to live and work.

Social Networking (con't from page 1)

you may have about social networking, Internet filters, instant messaging, chat rooms, on-line gaming, etc. Detectives from the Layton Police Department are available to answer questions, and regularly do Internet safety presentations to groups in our community. Please contact Sgt. Travis Lyman at 336-3443 with any requests.



October is Crime Prevention Month

The Power of Prevention: 10 Action Principles
(National Crime Prevention Council)

Preventing Crime....

Is everyone's business —Is more than security—Is a responsibility of all levels and agencies of government—Requires education—Is linked with solving social problems—Is cost effective—Requires a central role in law enforcement—Requires cooperation and collaboration by all elements of the community—Requires continual evaluation and improvement—Requires tailoring to local needs and conditions.

Utah Pedestrian Injuries

Have you seen the Green Ribbons tied around town? These are to be a reminder to Drive Safe and Protect Pedestrians. Working with schools and local businesses, Green Ribbon Week/Month hopes to educate drivers and pedestrians about safety.

Some interesting facts about pedestrian injuries in Utah include:

- ❖ The state rate is 48.24 per 100,000 people. Davis County' rate is 36.49, placing it 7th in rank in the state.
- ❖ Pedestrians are 20 times more likely to be killed in a motor vehicle crash than occupants of the motor vehicle.
- ❖ 95% of pedestrians involved in a pedestrian/motor vehicle crash are injured.
- ❖ Salt Lake-Ogden area ranks 31st most dangerous for pedestrians among large metropolitan areas in the U.S.
- ❖ Pedestrians 50 years and older make up only 13% of pedestrians hit by cars but they account for 33% of fatalities.

1995—2004 Pedestrian Injury Data for Utah include:

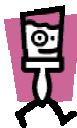
- ◆ 10,740 pedestrians were hit by cars.
- ◆ 40% of the drivers were cited for a traffic violation in Ped/MVC.
- ◆ 21% of drivers involved were teenagers.
- ◆ 49% of the Ped/MVC crashes occurred between 2—7 PM.
- ◆ 58% of pedestrians hit were male.
- ◆ More than 1/3 of pedestrians hit were 14 years old and younger.

Pedestrian Fatalities Data include:

- 402 pedestrians were killed by automobiles.
- Utah's pedestrian fatality rate ranks 24th in the U.S.
- 66% of pedestrians killed were male.
- Nearly 1/3 of pedestrians killed were 14 years old and younger.
- 59% of fatalities occur between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m.



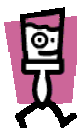
It takes a vehicle traveling at 40 mph 200 feet to come to a stop.



Pedestrian wearing dark clothing will be seen at a distance of 55 feet at night.



Pedestrian wearing white clothing will be seen at a distance of 180 feet at night.



Pedestrian wearing retro-reflective clothing will be seen at a distance of 500 feet at night.

Tips for Motorists

- * **SLOW DOWN** especially in neighborhoods, around schools and parks.
- * Drivers **MUST** yield to pedestrians crossing the street at an intersection **whether or not** the crosswalk is marked or unmarked.
- * Always stop behind the crosswalk, not in it.
- * Look for pedestrians when making left and right turns.
- * Stop and look for pedestrians on sidewalks.
- * Pedestrians are the road users most at risk in traffic.
- * Do all you can to avoid a crash.
(Motorists **MUST** wait for a crossing guard to be completely out of the crosswalk before proceeding either direction.)

Tips for Pedestrians

- * Crosswalks are not always safe. Be sure to stop, look all directions (left-right-left) and listen before stepping in the street. Watch for cars making turns.
- * Get the driver's attention before crossing in front of a vehicle (make eye contact).
- * If sidewalks exist, **USE THEM**. If there is no sidewalk, walk facing traffic on the shoulder of the road.
- * Wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight at night (dusk and dawn as well), light clothing is not enough.

Information obtained from Violence/Injury Prevention Program—Utah Department of Health and Utah Highway Safety Office.

9-1-1: How, What, When and Where?

Ever since Congress passed legislation in 1968 making 9-1-1 a standard emergency number nationwide, countless lives have been saved due to faster response by police, fire, and medical personnel in emergency situations. Approximately 200 million calls are made to 9-1-1 in the U.S. each year, with about one-third made from wireless phones.

New technology allows many call takers to see your phone number and address on a computer display. When you call from your wireless phone it may not be routed to the nearest 9-1-1 center. It is important to clearly state your telephone number and location whenever you call.

When to call 9-1-1

- You need to report a situation that threatens human life or property and requires immediate dispatch of police, fire or medical services, such as a crime in process, a serious crime that has just occurred, a fire, a serious illness or injury.
- You aren't sure whether the situation is an emergency but want the 9-1-1 dispatcher to determine the type of response the situation requires.

How to Make a 9-1-1 Call

- Dial 911 from any kind of phone, including pushbutton, rotary, wireless, cordless or pay phone. Do NOT program 9-1-1 into your speed dial.
- When the dispatcher answers, remain calm and speak clearly.
- Describe your emergency, and state your phone number and address where you need help.
- Answer the dispatcher's questions and listen to all instructions.
- Do NOT hang up until the dispatcher tells you to unless it is not safe for you to stay on the line. If you call by mistake, tell the dispatcher what happened.
- Remember 9-1-1 calls are recorded and traceable. In most places it is against the law to deliberately make false 9-1-1 calls.



Do Not Call 9-1-1

- To get information on local services
- To find out about threatening weather or to get a weather report
- To ask for directions or travel information
- To complain about a noisy neighbor
- To report that your power or other utility is off
- To learn how to pay your parking ticket
- To report a lost or found animal
- To discuss any non-emergency situation

Layton City has wonderful dispatchers who are extremely qualified. When calling 9-1-1, follow their advice. For non-emergency calls, dial 497-8300. The number is answered 24/7.



Fall and Winter Safety Tips

- 1 The days are short!! Remember to leave lights on at night. Leave lights on inside while gone and leave outside lights on at night — lighting is a great deterrent to crime.
- 2 Halloween is just around the corner. Pumpkins that are solid (not carved) should be brought in at night. Solid pumpkins can become a projectile if thrown. Not only do they make a mess, but they can cause damage if thrown at windows.
- 3 Make safety a priority on trick-or-treat night. Adults should accompany all children and kids and adults should carry a light source to be seen. Only go to homes you know and check your candy.
- 4 Layton City has a municipal ordinance (10.62.010) regarding parking on public streets during winter months. The ordinance states no vehicle shall park on the road between 1:00 am and 6:00 am during the months of December, January and February. Additionally, no vehicle may be parked on public roads when removal of snow from the street is apparent or imminent, or when necessary, as determined by the city.
- 5 Layton City has a municipal ordinance (12.04.050) regarding the shoveling of snow from sidewalks. All accumulations of snow, sleet, hail, etc. must be removed within 12 hours of the end of the depositing storm. Remember that shoveling sidewalks provide a clear path for pedestrians, especially our children walking to school. Unshoveled sidewalks encourage pedestrians to walk in the street. Additionally, do not snowblow or shovel the snow into the street.

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for opportunities to serve your community? Layton City has a Volunteer Office run by a VISTA Volunteer. You can volunteer for Citizen's Corps, Medical Reserve Corps, Fire Corps, Volunteers in Policing, Neighborhood Watch, Youth Court and Layton Youth Council. Adults as well as youth are needed. Time commitments vary with the position.

If you have some time to share, contact Annie Quon at aquon@laytoncity.org or call 336-3820.



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CERT COURSES OFFERED IN JANUARY

Have you taken the opportunity to become CERT trained? The Layton City Fire Department will be offering classes beginning January 8th or 9th, 2008. Classes are offered either Tuesday or Wednesday and run for 8 weeks.

Cost for the course is \$10 and provides materials and supplies to get you started. To register, call the city at 336-3820.

WE CAN HELP

*Do you need help in getting the Watch Program up and going in your area? Does your Watch Program need additional training? Do you need suggestions in helping motivate members? Are you interested in ordering NBW materials, such as window stickers? Ready to begin a Mobile Patrol? If so, contact us and let us help you make your Watch Program more effective.
Email: dawn@laytoncac.org*



Saturday, November 10
For more information, visit
www.utcrimeprevention.org
