



The WATCHful Eye

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Layton City Launches New Website Police Department Section Provides Much Information

Beginning the first of March, Layton City's website has taken on a new look. The website address is www.laytoncity.org. This website provides a plethora of information regarding the structure, departments and activities of the city. On the site you can pay your utility bill, make reservations for the park boweries, register for sports, view agendas for upcoming city council meetings, find out job opportunities and even find out who the city's Most Wanted are!

The Police Department's section of the website also provides much information. To access the section, go to the homepage for Layton City. Across the top you will find "Departments". Click on this and then click on "Police Department". Here you will find a menu which will direct you to Administration, Code Enforcement, Community Resource/Services, Citizen's Academy, Traffic School, Records, Most Wanted, News and Events, FAQ's, Downloads and Links.

By clicking on ***Code Enforcement*** it will provide you information on what constitutes violations, compliance and how to report problems. The next issue of this newsletter will focus on code enforcement issues and how they relate to crime prevention. The entire Layton City Municipal Code is online.

By clicking on ***Community Resource/Services*** you will find a list of crime prevention programs offered by the department. The department offers classes for the very young (Stranger Danger and Internet Safety to seniors (Identity Theft), from citizen's (Neighborhood Watch, Domestic Violence, Personal Safety) to businesses (Strategies to Reduce Underage Alcohol Use, Robbery Prevention) as well as programs designed for Scouts.

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**TO REACH THE
POLICE DEPARTMENT**

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

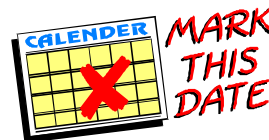
FOR OTHER CALLS 497-8300



New Watch Groups

Welcome to the following area(s):

Forest Hills—Lori Wilcox



**Be Ready Layton
Emergency Preparedness Fair**

When: Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Time: 6:30 pm—9:30 pm

Where: Davis Conference Center

Vendors selling preparedness items

Demonstrations & free items

Activities for the kids

Free Be Ready Layton bag to first 1000 participants



MEET YOUR
POLICE OFFICERS

Terry Keefe

Police Chief Terry Keefe is a thirty-three year veteran of Utah Law Enforcement. Chief Keefe began his career with the Clearfield City Police Department before joining the Davis County Sheriff's Office. In 1980 he joined the West Valley City Police Department as a patrol officer and over a span of almost twenty years worked his way up the ranks and was appointed Police Chief in early 1998.

During his career with West Valley City, Chief Keefe worked in all divisions of the Department and was assigned as commander to the Salt Lake Metro Major Felony Unit and the Salt Lake Metro Narcotics Task Force. Chief Keefe graduated from Weber State College in 1975 with a B.S. degree in Police Science, and graduated from the F.B.I. National Academy and the D.E.A. Drug Unit Commanders Academy.

Chief Keefe was recognized at the recent conference of the Chiefs of Police Association. He was elected to serve as the President of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association. He has previously served the association as Vice President. Chief Keefe will serve a one-year term as President of this statewide association.

Chief Keefe was appointed Chief of the Layton City Police Department in 1999. He and his wife Jann have four children and four grandchildren and have resided in Layton for over twenty years.



"Crime Prevention is a joint effort between the citizens of our community and the Police Department. We must all do our parts in making our community a safer place to live."

—Chief Keefe

Craig R. Gibson

Assistant Chief Craig R. Gibson joined the Layton Police Department in October of 2004. Prior to becoming a member of the Department he spent twenty years with the West Valley City Police Department, three years with the University of Utah Police Department, and four years with the United States Air Force. These organizations provided him the opportunity to gain experience in a number of areas to include, patrol, narcotics, investigations, K-9, first line supervision, and management.

Assistant Chief Gibson has a bachelors degree from the University of Utah and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.



"This is an exciting time for the Layton Police Department. As the City continues to grow, the law enforcement challenges that come with rapid growth increase. However, because of the support of City officials, the community members and the quality of our employees, we are confident of our ability as a police department to maintain the quality of life to which residents and visitors have grown accustomed."

—Assistant Chief Gibson



Many of us have had the opportunity to work with and meet Officer Chad Jones. Chad has been serving as the Community Resource Officer over the Neighborhood Watch Program for the last several years. Chad was recently transferred to the Detective Unit. Good luck with your new job.

National Resources Available on Crime Prevention

Are Your Teens At Risk for CyberBullying?

If you're like most teenagers, you spend a lot of time on a cell phone or instant messenger chatting with friends and uploading photos, videos, and music to websites. You may have online friends whom you've never met in person, with whom you play games and exchange messages. Teens' lives exist in a variety of places such as school hallways, part-time jobs, and friends' houses. Now many teens also have lives on the Internet. And bullying has followed teens online.

Online bullying, called cyberbullying, happens when teens use the Internet, cell phones, or other devices to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person. Cyberbullying is a problem affecting almost half of all American teens. Whether you've been a victim of cyberbullying, know someone who has been cyberbullied, or have even cyberbullied yourself, there are steps you and your friends can take to stop cyberbullying and stay cyber-safe.

The National Crime Prevention Council has a program addressing this ever increasing problem for teens. The program called Delete Cyberbullying is available on their website at www.ncpc.org:80/media/cyberbullying.php. The site includes video clips as well as information on how to help teens deal with these issues.



Thefts from Cars on Residential Streets and Driveways

“Because suburban residential areas are relatively safe and quiet, residents can become complacent about car security. They may leave their car doors unlocked or the keys in the ignition. Oftentimes, their home's exterior lighting is wholly inadequate. Overly tall shrubs and other brush on the premises can provide thieves with cover. An entire neighborhood filled with unlocked cars and poorly lit homes, with plenty of cover, is an inviting scene for a thief.

National Crime Survey data indicate that most car thefts (37%) occurs on the street outside the victim's homes.”

The US Department of Justice has available online *Thefts of and From Cars on Residential Streets and Driveways — Problem Oriented Guide No. 46* by Todd Keister. This can be obtained at www.cops.usdoj.gov/files/ric/Publications/e0207158_web.pdf.

A reminder as the nights become warmer and more inviting to illegal activity, all cars should be locked and no valuables should be left in them. As Chad has told us before in trainings, most vehicle thefts occur from the car being left unlocked and often with the keys still in it. Please take the time to protect your vehicle against theft.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COORDINATORS AND BLOCK CAPTAINS — TAKE THIS TIME TO REMIND YOUR NEIGHBORS OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SECURING THEIR VEHICLE APPROPRIATELY TO PREVENT IT FROM BEING STOLEN.

	<p>Every Victim — Every Time 2007 National Crime Victims Rights Week April 22—28</p>	<p>Office of Victims of Crime</p>
		<p>Layton City Victims Services 336-3599</p>

Neighborhood Watch Programs Encouraged to Hold Keep Kids Alive Drive 25® Activities

The first Keep Kids Alive Drive 25® will be observed May 1st, 2007. This program will be a nation-wide effort. The Layton City Neighborhood Watch Program endorses this campaign, however, no funding was planned for this year. We will be attempting to secure funds for future campaigns and will work closely with individual neighborhood groups on the program.

We are encouraging NBW groups to get involved. Residential speeding is often a major complaint in a neighborhood. To consider this program for May visit the website at www.keepkidsalivedrive25.org. If you would like some help with this please feel free to contact Dawn at dawn@laytoncac.org.

Some interesting fast facts from their website.

- Most speeders in your neighborhood LIVE in your neighborhood.
- The death rate per million miles driven on residential streets is almost 3 times the death rate on highways. (NHTSA 2004)
- If you hit a pedestrian:
 - At 20 mph — 5% will die
 - At 30 mph —45% will die
 - At 40 mph —85% will die(NHTSA)
- In 2000, 706 children ages 14 and under died from pedestrian injuries. Of these, 534 died in motor vehicle-related traffic crashes. One-fifth of all traffic fatalities among children ages 14 and under are pedestrians. (National Safe Kids Campaign)
- In 2001, more than 47,300 children ages 14 and under were treated in ERs for pedestrian related injuries. Approximately 73% of these injuries were traffic-related. (National Safe Kids Campaign)

WATCH GROUPS — PLEASE REMIND DRIVERS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD TO OBSERVE THE 25 MPH SPEED LIMIT IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS. ALSO REMIND THEM TO WATCH FOR SCHOOL ZONES WHERE THE SPEED LIMIT IS 20.

2006 Layton City Crime Stats Released

Did you know that the number of cases the police department handles has increased more than 12% over the last 3 years? Did you know that Layton has a robbery reported every 28 days, a vehicle theft every 4 days, a vehicle burglary every 15 hours and fraud/forgery reported every 17 hours?

These and other interesting crime stats are available in the 2006 Annual Report of the Police Department. It can be obtained online (free) at www.laytoncity.org/public/Depts/Police/Downloads.aspx

