

Alta Marshal's Report
March 9 - April 13, 2006

March 9, 2006 11:00 am the Hellgate, Superior section of town was closed and interlodged due to the avalanche hazard. 12:30 pm the road in Little Cottonwood was closed below the Snowbird entry one gate for avalanche control in the lower canyon. The road was reopened at 1:00 pm.

March 10, 2006 6:30 am the Town of Alta and all of Little Cottonwood Canyon were closed and interlodged for avalanche control. The restrictions were lifted at 7:16 am. 10:48 am the Marshal's and UFA were dispatched to the Albion Grill to investigate a possible fire. The problem was located in the locker room on the ground level. Heat tape wrapped around a water line was faulty causing the smoke and smell. 1:53 pm the deputy assisted an elderly man locate his wife after they became separated in the Albion base area.

March 11, 2006 I spoke to a concerned dog owner that claims to be picking up more than her share of dog poop. Remember, the law states that owners and dog handlers clean up immediately after the dog does it's business.

March 12, 2006 1:00 am the Hellgate, Superior section of town was closed and interlodged. 6:00 pm the deputy investigated and took a report of missing property from a guest room at the Peruvian Lodge.

March 13, 2006 4:00 pm a man was arrested on the charge of theft of services for using another persons ski pass at the Alta Ski Lifts Company. 8:13 pm the deputy was called to assist the Snowbird Public Safety with an intoxicated guest at the Snowbird Resort. 9:22 pm the Marshal's and UFA were dispatched to the Creek Side Chalet on a medical call involving a four year old boy with a bad head ache. The child was transported to the hospital by private vehicle.

March 14, 2006 2:37 pm a 57 year old man was transported by Lifeflight helicopter to a hospital with a head injury he sustained while skiing.

March 15, 2006 7:33 am the Hellgate, Superior section of the Town of Alta was closed and interlodged due to the increasing avalanche hazard. 8:00 am the canyon road was closed below Snowbird's entry one for avalanche control. The road was reopened for a short time at 8:58 am only to be closed again at 9:08 am due to the impassable road conditions. The road was plowed and reopened at 10:46 am. 9:40 am while all the road problems were being taken care of, the Marshal was dispatched to assist the County Sheriffs and Snowbird Public Safety with on extremely intoxicated man who was rallying around the Gad Valley parking lot in his truck smashing into snowbanks. He was arrested and booked into jail on several charges. 1:00 pm a woman called to report a lost wallet.

11:35 pm a report was taken from two local employees, who over the period of a few hours were conned out of several hundred dollars by a man they met at a bus stop in Alta. It was one of those stories that are just too good to be true. And they fell for it. We have a couple of leads in this incident and the case will remain under investigation.

March 16, 2006 6:15 am sections of the Town of Alta and Snowbird were interlodged to facilitate the use of a helicopter for avalanche control work. The restrictions were lifted at 7:07 am

March 17, 2006 9:46 am an Alta resident experienced the frustration of loosing his car for several hours. What started out as a good day, driving to and stopping by the Snowbird Cliff Lodge for a cup of coffee, turned into a nightmare, when someone mistakenly took his car from the hotel valet. It took

several hours and the cooperation of other police agencies to track down and find the obviously distracted driver who was unaware he was driving someone else's car. The car was later recovered at a hospital in the Salt Lake valley were the man works.

March 18, 2006 6:20 am the deputy assisted the County Sheriffs with two tour busses blocking the roadway at entry one of Snowbird. 10:18 am an Alta Ski Lifts employee reported a missing snowmobile that had been parked near the Alta cat shop. It was later found and recovered crashed in to a tree off the Albion summer road. 10:00 pm the Hellgate, Superior section of Town was closed and interlodged due to the increasing avalanche hazard.

March 20, 2006 11:31 am Alta Marshal's were dispatched to the Goldminers Lodge when a 13 year old child collapsed. The child was taken to the Alta Medical Clinic. 12:47 pm a man was arrested for theft of services when he was caught skiing with someone else's ski pass.

March 21, 2006 7:45 am The Alta By-Pass Road was temporarily closed for avalanche control in the Blackjack are of Snowbird. 9:00 am the Hellgate, Superior section was closed and interlodged due to the increasing avalanche danger. 11:12 am another person was arrested for theft of services when caught skiing with someone else's ski pass. 9:37 pm the Alta deputy investigated a hit and run car crash near the Rustler Lodge.

March 23, 2006 1:18 pm the Hellgate, Superior area was closed and interlodged due to the avalanche hazard. The restrictions were lifted at 6:14 pm. 1:39 pm the lower canyon was closed due to wet slide avalanche activity. It was reopened at 3:44 pm.

March 26, 2006 6:55 am the Alta By-Pass Road was temporarily closed for avalanche control in the Blackjack area of Snowbird.

March 28, 2006 5:50 am the Town of Alta started to experience electrical power problems. The problem became very apparent when a large phone line exploded in the basement of the Alta Central Building filling the place with smoke. Apparently a downed power line came in contact with a phone line energizing it with high voltage. It literally melted the phone system. It took a couple of days to restore phone services to Alta Central and neighboring buildings and businesses. 911 and emergency calls were routed through the County Sheriffs Dispatch. Thanks to everyone who helped out during our crises.

March 29, 2006 5:14 am the Hellgate, Superior section of Town was closed and interlodged due to the increasing avalanche hazard. 6:45 am the Town of Alta and all of Little Cottonwood Canyon were closed for avalanche control. I'd like to add that all the interlodge calls made by dispatch that morning were done on a cell phone. The dispatcher on duty said that the little phone was so hot she had to put it in the refrigerator to cool it off. The restrictions were lifted at 8:20 am.

March 30, 2006 5:18 pm a report of a missing person was quickly resolved by dispatch.

April 1, 2006 The Marshal's Office took complaints of some mean spirited April fools jokes that were more damaging then they were funny. 2:38 pm a report and investigation was started regarding some fraudulent Alta Ski Area Passes that turned up.

April 3, 2006 10:22 am another arrest for theft of services was made at the Alta Ski Lifts when a person was caught using someone else's ski pass.

April 4, 2006 10:51 am an investigation into an alleged sexual abuse incident that occurred March 17th at a party in Alta is being filed with the County Attorneys Office. 9:10 pm Alta Marshal's and UFA were dispatched to the Peruvian Lodge when a drunken party goer fell on his face while running through the parking lot. The victim was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

April 6, 2006 9:50 am the Hellgate, Superior section of Town was closed and interlodged due to the increasing avalanche hazard. 12:00 pm the road was closed at entry two of Snowbird for mid-canyon avalanche control. This was followed up by interlodging the Snowbird resort at 3:00 pm for avalanche control work over the Snowbird Village. The road was reopened for a short time when an avalanche hit the road mid-canyon, pushing one car and its 7 occupants over the side. No one was injured in the incident. This avalanche prompted an emergency closure and interlodge for the entire canyon. Those who did not make it out of the canyon spent the night at the Alta and Snowbird resorts.

April 7, 2006 7:00 am avalanche control was started in Little Cottonwood Canyon and completed around 8:30 am. Although the Interlodge restriction was lift the road remained closed due to complications with plowing and the removal of abandon vehicles. The road was reopened at 12:20 pm.

April 8, 2006 7:26 pm The Alta Marshal's and UFA responded to the Alta Lodge to help a guest who had fainted.

April 10, 2006 8:08 am The Marshal's and UFA were dispatched to the Blackjack condominiums to help a 14 year old who was having difficulty breathing. The patient was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

Other Duties Include

15	Alcohol Enforcements
138	Business and Property Checks
31	Motorist Assists
25	Motorist Violations
7	Watershed Violations
2	Ski Thefts
14	Ski Rack Patrols
7	Agency Assists
3	Vehicle Impounds