

MARSHAL'S REPORT
JULY 13-AUGUST 10, 2006

JULY 15- At 10:34 p.m., the Deputy on duty assisted the County Sheriff's Office and Fire Department at the Cliff Lodge at Snowbird. A 24 year old female had ingested a large amount of prescription medication and was subsequently transported to a local hospital.

JULY 16- An Alta Deputy was flagged down off duty at the Tanner's Flat Campground. A hysterical young girl attempted to run away from a parent, running barefoot down canyon in the middle of the roadway. She was restrained by a transport van driver who had witnessed her behavior. The Sheriff's Office was summoned and the girl was returned to the custody of her parents.

JULY 18- The Deputy on Duty was again flagged down on the Canyon highway. A mountain biker at Lisa Falls had observed a male acting suspiciously at a parking turnout. The witness investigated a cardboard box the suspect had left in the woods. To his surprise, the box contained a three foot iguana the suspect had abandoned. The frightened lizard was rescued by Salt Lake County Animal Services.

JULY 23- A town-wide power outage occurred late in the evening. The Deputy and Dispatcher stayed busy answering and responding to alarm calls throughout the entire night. At 2:00 a.m., a Grizzly Gulch resident phoned in that two young men had been detained after being caught making loud noises around a neighboring cabin. The deputy responded and determined one of the young men was a relative of the owner of the cabin. Investigation revealed that the boys had "borrowed" blankets for the two young ladies found waiting in a car parked nearby. Lecture Delivered.

At 11:45 p.m., the power situation went from bad to worse. A buried power line blew up and ruptured a nearby natural gas line. Luckily, no explosion (whew!). The area was evacuated and the fire department summoned along with utility repair crews.

JULY 24- The Deputy on duty intercepted a beer keg inbound to the Albion Basin campground. Utah law prohibits beer containers over 2 liters in size. A citation was issued.

JULY 26- An intrusion alarm was investigated at an Albion Basin residence.

JULY 27- A 911 call regarding an auto theft in progress sent the Marshal's and Sheriff's departments scrambling to the Rustler Lodge. Upon arrival, two men were found fighting in the parking garage. After separating them, it was learned that one of the men (who is well known to the Marshal's Office) had placed the call, believing the second man had stolen his Jeep Cherokee. Problem is, the first man had stolen the Jeep in Sandy, Utah the previous night along with his mother's purse. The man was held for Sandy Police who booked him into jail for theft and burglary.

The second man and loser of the scuffle declined to pursue assault charges against the first. He was relieved of a bag of property that he claimed he was "holding" for a relative and subsequently released. Oops! When officers inventoried the bag, the second man's identification was located. He had given a false identity and was found to have an active arrest warrant. The second man was spotted by a hiker atop Mount Superior some time later yelling into the air that twenty cops were chasing him. Salt Lake County Search and Rescue ended up with the second man in Big Cottonwood Canyon. He was transported to a local hospital and treated for minor injuries then, to the County Jail.

JULY 28- Two people were cited at 4:36 p.m. for swimming in a protected watershed at Secret Lake.

JULY 29- At 2:59 a.m., the Marshal's Office responded to a noise complaint at a cabin in Albion Basin. At 9:52 a.m., the Marshal's and Fire Departments responded to an injury that had occurred at the Albion information booth.

The Albion Basin road was closed due to traffic congestion from 11:32 a.m. to 12:53 p.m. Many visitors were in Alta for the annual wildflower festival.

JULY 31- At 11:15 a.m., the Deputy on duty assisted the Sheriff's Office with a flatbed truck that had lost its brakes and crashed near Tanner's Flat.

AUG 02- At 9:15 p.m., a stranded mountain biker in the Catherine's pass area was located and shuttled to Snowbird.

AUG 03- The Deputy on duty responded to a report of a man carrying what looked like a shotgun outside the Alta Peruvian Lodge. An employee was located with a pellet gun.

AUG 05- At 9:21 p.m., several reports were received of a reckless driver coming up the canyon. The driver crashed into the mountainside in the seven turns area. An Alta deputy arrived and detained the man for the Sheriff's Office. The man was barely coherent and it was unclear whether his actions were due to injuries or ingesting something. The man was transported to a local hospital via ambulance for evaluation.

AUG 07- The Marshal's Office was contacted by the Alta Lodge regarding the possible theft of a mountain bike. A local man had borrowed and failed to return the bike as promised. The bike was recovered on August 9th. No charges were filed.

Other duties and activities include:

80 Contract Forest Service Patrols

67 Property Checks

1 Alcohol Enforcement

16 Traffic Violations

11 Watershed Enforcements

6 Motorist Assists

6 Outside agency assists