

Marshal's Report
December 9th – January 12, 2011

Misc duties:

83 business, property and ski rack patrols
10 traffic accidents
36 motorist assist calls
9 lost, stolen, switched ski equipment cases
18 alcohol enforcements
9 outside agency assist calls
9 traffic violations
5 vehicle impounds
2 watershed violations

December 12th- The Marshal's and Fire departments responded to a medical call within the ski area. A person experiencing chest pains was transported to a local hospital via ambulance.

December 15th- The deputy on duty investigated a two car accident in the Upper Albion parking area. North side plowing was conducted overnight to clear up town parking.

December 17th- A major communications outage occurred affecting all telephone, internet, and data signals in the canyon. A multi agency command post/communications center was established to continue 911 services. The Town of Alta and Emergency Service Agencies from Salt Lake County are working to meet with Qwest to debrief the incident and enhance planning for future incidents. Thanks are due to the Unified Police and Fire Departments for their assistance.

December 19th- At 12:15 pm Hellgate/Superior area was closed and residents were placed on Interlodge travel restriction due to increasing avalanche hazard. At 10:00 pm, the entire highway was closed. The Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge at 11:00 pm.

December 20th- Avalanche control work was carried out over the highway and Town of Alta. Several Alta properties were required to move personnel into designated "maximum security" areas due to the severity of snowfall and water content received during the storm cycle. The highway was reopened and restrictions were lifted at 11:20 am.

December 22nd- A hit and run accident was investigated in the Albion area. The highway was temporarily restricted at 2:30 pm to facilitate mid-canyon avalanche control work. At the same time, two separate two car injury accidents occurred on the bypass road. The highway was again closed at 10:00 pm and the Town of Alta was placed on Interlodge closure at 11:00 pm.

December 23rd- Avalanche control work was carried out over the highway and town. Restrictions were lifted at 8:44 am. At 11:40 pm, the deputy on duty was called to take custody of a lost and found human. This highly intoxicated person was released to a parent and transported D.T.C. (which is our code for “down the canyon” or in this case “drunk tank candidate”).

December 25th- The deputy on duty was called to assist the Unified Police Department with a late night roll-over accident and an over consumed female who was biting, scratching, spitting, hitting and kicking officers at the scene. D.T.C. again. This time to a more secure facility...

December 29th- Three more road closures today for avalanche control, 2:30, 7:30, and 10:00 pm respectively. After two rounds of mid-canyon artillery work, the highway was closed for the night. Interlodge was put into effect at 11:00 pm.

December 30th- Avalanche control work was carried out and restrictions were lifted at 8:48 am. One male was apprehended for violating Interlodge. Difficult road conditions combined with an excessive amount of traffic created an enormous evening traffic jam. Patience wore out quickly but the “red snake” of immobile taillights lasted late into the night.

December 31st- The deputy on duty responded to one of the lodges regarding the possible theft of luggage that had been left unattended in a lobby.

January 5th- North Side Plowing was again conducted to improve overnight parking conditions in town.

January 6th- The Marshal’s and Fire departments responded to the Albion area on the report of a possible generator fire. Upon arrival, the situation was found to be well under control.