

Utah County Employee of the Month, December 2012
Chris Bagley - Deputy Sheriff III
Sheriff's Office

I would like to nominate Deputy Chris Bagley as employee of the month for Utah County. Deputy Bagley began his career with Utah County Sheriff's office in 2004 working as a reserve deputy in the Jail and Patrol. He was currently working for Springville City Police as a Patrol Officer and discovered the many benefits of working with Utah County and had a career change by becoming a full time deputy in 2007.

Deputy Bagley was hired as a Patrol Deputy and in that time has specialized in many areas. Deputy Bagley is currently assigned as a Field Training Officer, K9 Handler and SWAT Team Member. Chris is a superior K9 handler and is currently on his second K9 partner. After retiring his first K9 partner Danno, he was helpful in securing funds and selecting his new K9 partner Maakoa.

Deputy Bagley has had great success in taking large amounts of drugs off the streets, and has saved the County several man hours by utilizing his K9 partner for man searches and drug sniffs. Deputy Bagley and his K9 partner have conducted multiple presentations to the educate citizens of Utah County in many uses of K9. He has presented to schools, Boy Scouts, church groups, civic groups, and area clubs which have been so impressed with the K9 program they have donated money for body armor which costs \$2,500.00 saving Utah County the equipment costs.

Deputy Bagley has been able to keep fellow deputies safe by his training skills with his K9 Partner. He has been through the Utah County Metro SWAT school, and has been used on several deployments with SWAT due to his training and experience. He just recently was called to assist Utah County Metro SWAT on a call in Alpine where a mental suspect with an axe was destroying a home in Alpine. Deputy Bagley was able to deploy his K9 partner and apprehend the suspect and control him so he could be taken into custody. No deputies were put in harms way and the suspect was taken into custody due to many hours of training and commitment from Deputy Bagley and his K9 partner.

Deputy Bagley has a positive attitude and is a pro-active Deputy. He can always be seen with a smile on his face and lending a helping hand. Deputy Bagley has been chosen to be a Field Training Officer (FTO) for several years for Utah County Sheriff's Office. His responsibilities are to train new deputies beginning their career in Patrol. Deputy Bagley is responsible for teaching them the skills every patrol deputy needs to be safe and professional in the field. Deputy Bagley takes great pride in coaching and teaching the skills he has learned with fellow deputies.

Deputy Bagley is a very dedicated father and husband to his family. He can always be heard talking about the time he spends with his family on their many vacations and camping trips. There is always a fun experience they enjoy as a family on their many trips spent with each other.

Deputy Bagley's skills have been proven over and over due to his high arrest records and by being awarded "catch of the month" on several of his arrests throughout the years. It is my honor to nominate Deputy Chris Bagley as Employee of the Month for Utah County.

Nominated by Sergeant Rhett Williams