

**Utah County Employee of the Year, 2011**  
**Melissa Stout - Deputy Sheriff III / Sheriff's Office - Sex Crimes**  
**\*\*Sergeant/Enforcement - Judicial Division**

I would like to nominate Detective Melissa Stout for the Employee of the Month Award. Detective Stout is a very hard worker. Whenever she is assigned a case, Detective Stout quickly takes the necessary steps to begin the investigative process. Detective Stout ensures that the cases assigned to her are thoroughly investigated and as she works through the case, she is open to suggestions from her supervisor and various co-workers. Detective Stout is constantly looking for ways to assist victims and is always striving to make sure that they get the help that they need. Detective Stout is very personable with those she is helping and she is constantly being complimented and thanked by victim's and by parents of victims. I have personally heard several messages left on Detective Stout's phone from various individuals thanking her for her diligent and hard work.

This past month, Detective Stout has participated in various types of pro-active work. Detective Stout has worked in an undercover capacity as a prostitute and by monitoring the internet for individuals engaged in downloading, viewing, and sharing child pornography. While posing as a prostitute, Detective Stout has maintained the professionalism required by the Utah County Sheriff's Office. Although very uncomfortable at times, Detective Stout effectively sees the "big picture" and she is able to adapt to the circumstances that arise while she is working in this undercover capacity. While working in this capacity, Detective Stout has been largely responsible for over 50 arrests made by several different law enforcement agency's both in Utah County and Salt Lake County. Due to her expertise and abilities, Detective Stout is constantly being contacted by other agencies who are looking for her assistance. Detective Stout has gone above and beyond in helping other agencies throughout the State. Detective Stout is an excellent example to other agencies for the Utah County Sheriff's Office.

Detective Stout has also written several warrants due to undercover operations regarding child pornography. Detective Stout has located several individuals who are illegally downloading, viewing, and sharing images and videos of child pornography. Due to her diligent work, victim children were identified and suspects were arrested. Hundreds of these horrible images have been confiscated through Detective Stout's efforts. Several children have also been saved by Detective Stout's passion to protect the children in our community.

This past month, Detective Stout has worked some very difficult cases involving sexual abuse of children and adults. Detective Stout is very caring and does every thing she can to ensure that the suspects in these cases are brought to justice. She has been very busy coordinating various investigations with local and federal law enforcement agencies.

Detective Stout is one of the hardest workers in the Sheriff's Office. Detective Stout is always willing to assist others with what ever help they may need. Detective Stout works extremely hard to ensure that victim's are properly taken care of and that suspects are charged with the appropriate charges. I feel that Detective Stout is very deserving of the Employee of the Month Award.

Nominated by Sergeant Matt Higley

**\*\* Melissa has been promoted to a Sergeant/Enforcement position in the Judicial Division of the Sheriffs Office since her original nomination.**