

Employee of the Month – Larry Evans
Deputy Sheriff II
Utah County Sheriffs' Office – Judicial Division

It is my pleasure in submitting Larry Evans for the Employee of the Month award for Utah County. From the time Larry was hired at the Sheriff's Office, he has exemplified what law enforcement and the Sheriff's Office stands for. I have never met a more true-to-heart, positive individual with a genuine desire to help others. Larry's work values and positive attitude are contagious among his co-workers as well as the other county employees he interacts with.

There is no greater person to be "The face of the Sheriff's Office" than Larry Evans! His ability to communicate and his compassion for others, is unsurpassed. While getting this document prepared, I met with several Utah County employees at the Health and Justice Building, the Historic Courthouse and the Administration Building to ask for their feedback. Their comments about Larry were absolutely amazing!!!

I have heard so many positive stories about Larry, I can only mention a few, or this would be 10 pages long. These stories range from helping people to and from their vehicles, facilitating and arranging special events, to taking time out of his own busy life to help other employees in their personal lives, such as helping put up mailboxes, after a drunk driver ran theirs over.

Larry knows everyone by name, their spouses name and usually their kids as well. He typically knows personal information about something going on in their lives as well, and always takes time to talk to everyone. He was compared to the bar tender, who takes time to listen to everyone, gives sound advice and brightens everyone's day.

A very few examples of the emails I received after they learned of my quest:

"Anyone who has met Larry Evans can tell you how kind and caring he is. Larry is always asking how you are doing and truly means it. Larry learns your name and uses it when he says hello. He remembers previous conversations and will follow up with you to find how things went. Larry is one of the best listeners you will ever meet. Larry is great to help with anything you need. He has helped with the active shooter training, which was amazing. After the training, you feel so much more prepared in case anything goes wrong. And if anything ever does go wrong, we just call Larry. Someone fell.... Call Larry. Someone is prowling around.... Call Larry. Someone is locked out.... Call Larry. He is willing to help with everything.

"Larry is my favorite bartender!!! He knows everyone, and more importantly, he cares about everyone! He goes above and beyond the call of duty every day. He is a wonderful friend. The day is just not the same if Larry is not at work. I can't say enough about the man; he is so deserving of this award!"

"I haven't had a ton of interactions with Larry because I've only been with the Sheriff's Office for a few years but I can say that it is impossible to see his joyful face and not immediately smile. He is always so friendly and willing to help in any way that he can. I remember one day after what I believe was a jury trial, Larry made his presence known as we escorted the victim outside of the court house. Having him there made us all feel better and more safe. He was friendly and offered his assistance even if it was to make sure the defendant didn't bother the victim as we waited. I appreciate his friendly face and think employee of the month would be more than appropriate for Larry."

"Working with Larry has been very pleasant. He's very informative on things pertaining to Law Enforcement. Always says Good Morning and I'm thinking he knows every employee's name at least here in the Health & Justice Building."

I have watched Larry go the extra mile in his role at Utah County nearly every day. Whether it is by helping people find where they are going or shoveling the sidewalks. Larry knows every employees' vehicle and watches them diligently though out his shift. He does not do these things because it is his job, he does it because he truly cares about others!

Larry is a great instructor and teacher. His contribution to the yearly active shooter training for county employees, law clerk bailiffs and deputies in the courts is wonderful. He has such a great technique in teaching and getting his point across. He also teaches at Utah Valley University in their criminal justice program on his time off.

Larry worked for Adult Probation and Parole prior to hiring on with the Utah County Sheriff's Office. He spent over 26 years in this capacity in law enforcement, 11 of which he was the administrator in the Provo Office for AP&P.

Larry maintains an excellent balance between his professional and his personal life. One of the ways he does this, is through running. He has completed over 30 marathons, including the Boston marathon. He is a coach, a mentor, a leader and a shoulder to lean on in the large family at Utah County. He provides training tips, encouragement and support to everyone around him, whether it is for work, their personal life or simply helping people just beginning to run.

There are very few people who are held in such high regard by so many, as Larry Evans is. His professionalism on the job, his dedication to the career he has given himself to and his compassion for others, impress me more and more each day. Larry Evans is the ideal employee taking on any task, most the time without being asked, doing it with a positive attitude and a smile. I am proud to submit this request for Larry Evan to be nominated as Utah County Employee of the month, and deservingly, Employee of the Year.

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