

Utah County Employee of the Month October - 2013  
Patricia Batley - Corrections Specialist II  
Sheriffs Office

Deputy Batley has worked in several different capacities during her many years with the Sheriff's Office including booking and housing. She is commonly referred to as "Mama Bats" because of her kind and gentle nature with both staff and inmates. She always makes an effort to be fair and honest with whom she associates with and always has a smile on her face.

Earlier this year, Deputy Batley was injured while riding her mountain bike on a trail in Provo Canyon. The crash resulted in an injury to her shoulder as well as a broken collar bone. Her injury forced her to be temporarily assigned to booking on "light-duty" status. Deputy Batley could easily have used her injury as an excuse to work at a slower pace. Instead, she spent every waking moment on her feet doing whatever she could to help. In fact, she worked circles around most of the staff while balancing an ice pack with her shoulder sling. Most days, she would stand at the booking window for her entire 8 hour shift without sitting down or asking for help.

I heard several comments from the booking staff during her time that they were impressed with how hard she worked and how nice it was to have her around. Now that she is healed and assigned to her regular rotation, she still shows the same attitude whenever we need her to help with anything. It was refreshing to see.

Deputy Batley has been a radKIDS instructor for nearly 10 years. In that time she has assisted in teaching hundreds of children how to recognize, avoid, and escape from danger and abduction. Pat is usually one of the first instructors to respond when emails are sent out looking for instructors to help with upcoming radKIDS classes. She arrives for each class with incredible energy and support. She always has sincere compliments and praise for the kids in the class and her optimism is contagious. Every instructor looks forward to teaching with "Ms. Pat" and the kids adore her. She is one of the backbones of the radKIDS program in Utah County Sheriff's Office and her efforts are greatly appreciated.

For these reasons we have chosen to nominate Deputy Patricia Batley for employee of the month.

Nominated by Brion Casper and Jen Robinson