

Employee of the Month for July 2011

Scott Finch – Sergeant / Investigations

Utah County Attorney's Office

Sgt. Scott Finch joined the Utah County Attorney's Office, Bureau of Investigations, five and a half years ago after retiring from the Provo Police Department. At the Provo Police Department Scott served for more than 20 years and rose to the rank of lieutenant. Since joining the Bureau of Investigations, Scott has excelled as a key member of the Utah County Officer Involved Protocol Task Force investigating officer involved shootings and other deaths. Scott is often assigned to be the crime scene manager at officer involved shooting crime scenes because of his skills in crime scene reconstruction and evidence handling, and because of his superior attention to detail.

When Scott is not assisting in officer involved shootings, his primary responsibility is investigating complex crimes. Scott is expert in investigating securities fraud and other types of complex fraud cases. He has investigated and solved cases involving millions of dollars in victim losses and he has been directly responsible for helping many of these victims of fraud recover their losses. Recently Scott has also been assigned to investigate some of our politically sensitive cases, cases involving allegations against police officers and politicians. Scott's discretion, excellent people skills and good judgment have made him expert in handling these difficult cases.

Since coming to the Bureau, Scott has also been trained in cell phone forensics. As a result of his training and expertise, he has conducted cell phones forensic examinations on phones belonging to suspects and victims in a number of homicides, rapes, child pornography, and assault related cases. Because of his expertise, officers from almost all Utah County police agencies come to him for help extracting evidence from cell phones. While Scott is extremely busy due to his heavy workload of complex and political crimes investigations, he always makes time for County prosecutors and for police officers from other agencies when they seek his assistance. Whether it is police officers or prosecutors, Scott makes these individuals feel that their immediate needs are the most important part of his job.

Scott is an invaluable employee and deserves to be the Utah County employee of the month!

Nominated by Jeff Robinson, and Jeff Buhman