

Lt. Tom Hodgson has served our County and the State of Utah well in protecting the constitutional rights of all citizens. He certainly recognizes that his badge is a symbol of public faith while enforcing the laws in the State of Utah. We have been fortunate enough to work with Lt. Tom Hodgson for the last 34 years with the Sheriff's Office. We have worked together in Patrol, Detectives and Search and Rescue. In every organization, there are people who just seem to stand out, leaders who push forward, leaders who continue to push hard despite the many difficult problems they encounter along the way. I can honestly say that Lt. Tom Hodgson is the "Tip of the Spear," one who continues to show passion and fight another day in making our communities a much safer place to live.

Lt. Hodgson has always been a protector of those who are less fortunate than many of us. He is one of the best examples of service-oriented leadership that I know by his deeds for many years. He has orchestrated one of the greatest Shop with a Cop programs for those children and families that are truly less fortunate than we are. Lt. Hodgson has overseen this program in Utah County for 29 years (since 1991). Because of his efforts, Tom has brought local law enforcement agencies and the communities together for one noble goal; TO PROVIDE CHRISTMAS FOR CHILDREN WHO WOULD OTHERWISE GO WITHOUT.

"I assisted Lt. Hodgson one year with Shop with a Cop and had the fortunate experience of helping a child who did not have a bed in his home. He was sleeping on the floor, but thanks to Lt. Hodgson, he not only received a bed to sleep in but food for Christmas," Dennis Harris. Over the years, Tom has generously donated hundreds of hours of his own time to make the event successful year after year. While he would hesitate to own up to it, I know that he donated a significant amount of his own money during last year's event. Tom is also the reason that we receive many large donations from local businesses and entrepreneurs each year. He is trusted and beloved by many in the community who have come to know him through the service he has provided as a law enforcement officer. If you were to ask Tom how he can find the energy to do this year after year, he would simply say, "Because I love it."

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Lt. Yvette M. Rice

Lt. James Harris

Sergeant Spencer Cannon