



**UTAH COUNTY
ATTORNEY**
David O. Leavitt

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Re: Patty Johnston named Chief of the Utah County Attorneys Bureau of Investigations

David O. Leavitt, Utah County Attorney, selected Patty Johnston as Bureau Chief of the Utah County Attorneys Bureau of Investigation.

"Patty is a professional, 26-year veteran of law enforcement and an Investigator with the Bureau for 14 years." said Leavitt. "Her vision matches mine in how we prepare our county for significant coming growth. There will be challenges and opportunities to prepare our office to keep the citizens in this County safe. Patty is the right person to lead." said Leavitt.

As the first female police chief in Utah County, Chief Johnston will bring broad and finely-tuned expertise to her leadership of the department. Developing officer-involved shooting protocols and then training is her area of expertise. She's investigated death penalty, aggravated murder and homicides. Chief Johnston also has years of experience in fraud, white collar crime, and exploitation of vulnerable adults. Her experience on the narcotics and major crime task forces and the sex crimes task force have also been major focuses through her nearly three decade career.

"We have fine talented investigators. To be prepared for the future, we are training each investigator as a specialist/expert in our most important investigative areas. We can best support local law enforcement efforts, and the smaller departments in the communities in our county by providing the type of expertise that helps our attorneys to present cases backed with expert witnesses." says Chief Johnston.

Affinity fraud is a crime the County has seen frequently. "Education will help our citizens understand how to protect them from becoming a victim." says Chief Johnston. She will also focus on elder abuse and exploitation of vulnerable adults, sex crimes, cyber crime, and crimes that exploit minors using technology.

The Utah County Attorneys office prioritizes the crime that hurts people as our highest focus." says Leavitt. "As Chief, Patty and her team will help support that vision."

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Patty Johnston Experience and Background

Utah County Sheriff's Office 1993-1995

Corrections Division

- Corrections deputy

Corrections Deputy 1995-2005

Enforcement Division

- Patrol
- Detective (Violent Crimes, homicide)
- Narcotics Enforcement Task Force
- Sex Crimes Instructor, Forensic Interviewing of children Instrumental in forming Sex Crimes Task Force
- Polygraph Examiner
- Internal Affairs
- Instructor, Report writing: UCSO Corrections Academy

Utah County Attorney's Office,

Bureau of Investigations 2005-present

Senior Investigator since 2008

- Instrumental in hiring and training new investigators
- Officer Involved Shooting Investigations
- Force Science Examiner
- Train new members of the OIS Protocol Team
- Train members of Protocol at bi-annual trainings
- Created OIS investigative protocols and checklists
- Interview Team Manager on OIS investigations

- Train outside of county agencies how to implement and operate OIS Protocol teams
- Train police officers throughout Utah County regarding what to expect if they're involved in a shooting
- Expertise in interviewing
- Internal Affairs and Conflict Cases for outside agencies
- White Collar Fraud investigations
- Exploitation of the Elderly investigations and instructs on how to avoid being scammed
- Computer Forensic Examiner (not presently)
- Polygraph Examiner (not presently)