



# "A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

## LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2011

### Mayor

James A. Dain

### City Center Offices

100 North State Street  
Upper Level  
785-5043

### Community Development

100 North State Street  
Lower Level  
785-7687

### Public Works

946 West Center Street  
796-7954

### Justice Court

100 North State Street  
Upper Level  
785-1971

### Police

100 North State Street  
Lower Level  
Emergency - 911  
Non-emergency Dispatch  
229-7070  
Police Department Offices  
769-8600

### Fire

Emergency - 911  
Non-emergency Dispatch  
229-7070  
Other Fire Services  
229-7327

### Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North  
610-4160

### Community Center

25 North Main  
769-8637

### City Website

[www.lindoncity.org](http://www.lindoncity.org)

## MUNICIPAL GENERAL ELECTION

**Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Polls open at 7:00 a.m.**  
**and close at 8:00 p.m.**

**Detailed Election  
Information at**

[www.lindoncity.org](http://www.lindoncity.org)

## Domestic Violence in Lindon

The problem of Domestic Violence is it happens everywhere across the nation. Not just in other cities or states, but right here in Lindon. Victims of Domestic Violence may be your neighbors or friends or it may even be occurring closer to home, maybe to you or one of your dating age children. Domestic Violence is one of the "un-seen" crimes which are most often committed behind closed doors and in private places. Also, society has somehow attached a stigma to the very mention of the crime, placing the perception of blame, at least partially, upon the victim, "She must have done something". So the violence often goes unreported, until a tragic event takes place and everyone questions later how they missed the signs... how it could happen in such a nice family!

Here in Lindon, we average just over two hundred cases per year which are in some way related to Domestic Violence (DV). In its many forms, DV may consist of seemingly minor offenses such as criminal mischief or harassing text messages which appear to be minor on the exterior, but often with much hidden meaning and controlling elements. DV can also consist of verbal abuse, stalking, unlawful detention or sexual and physical assault. Most tragically DV cases may also include the crimes of Kidnapping, Rape, and Homicide. It is important to remember that although we most commonly picture DV as happening with a husband as the abuser and a wife as the victim. In about 5% of the cases the male is the victim of an abusive relationship, a number which is believed to be greatly underreported. We are also seeing many more abusive relationships that begin as traditional "dating" and become controlling and abusive. We here in Lindon, just as in other places across our Nation, need to do something to end this cycle of abuse. A cycle which continues as children growing up in abusive households are more likely to become abusers, mimicking behaviors which they perceive as "normal".

I was recently fortunate to be chosen by the International Association of Chiefs of Police to be part of the National Law Enforcement Leadership Institute on Violence Against Women. This program, funded by the IACP and the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, brought together 27 Chiefs of Police from across the Nation in Seattle Washington for a week in August, with the goal of drafting standardized policies and procedures regarding the ways in which domestic violence incidents are approached and investigated, as well as to create strategies to prevent relationship violence at all levels across the country. Police Departments represented ranged from 3,000 Officers (Phoenix, AZ Police) down to a 9 man agency from Kansas. With 14 Officers, Lindon City PD represented the second smallest agency included.

What we learned is that these incidents consist of the same components no matter where they happen, from Newtown Connecticut, to Bishop California, from Frisco Texas to Lindon Utah. In addition to standardized policies, we left the Institute with an action plan which we could tailor as needed to our city. That action plan contained 4 objectives: Increase communication with our communities regarding the crimes of Domestic and Sexual Violence, Educate our Youth to the crimes of Stalking and Harassment both in person and through Social Media, Incorporate a "Lethality Assessment" in all Domestic Violence investigations to better protect victims and Officers, and Raise community awareness of the crime of Human Trafficking. This crime is happening all around us, with Salt Lake City being identified as one of the regional centers across the country where Federal dollars and personnel are needed to combat this crime which can consist of forced labor, forced prostitution, debt servitude or outright slavery with immigrants as victims. My eyes were really opened when its many forms were made clear to me.

Please watch for more information regarding our Departments efforts in these areas, and thanks for all that you do as together we work to keep Lindon a great place to live!

Cody Cullimore, Chief of Police, Lindon City Police Department