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Memorial honors Utah's law enforcement

I always have had a deep respect for law enforcement and the daily commitment to keeping peace and order for the good of the entire community. On Saturday my respect was heightened after receiving pictures and the following letter from Sgt. Del Schlosser.

My column is dedicated to its contents with the sincere desire that we all take the opportunity to thank officers for their dedication to upholding the laws of the land. Thanks, Sgt. Schlosser, and well done.

"On September 6th, 2008, 126 law enforcement officers from throughout Utah were remembered on the new Law Enforcement Memorial. The new Memorial has been built on the west side of the capital after a nearly 3-year effort to raise the 1.3 million dollars it cost to build. The first law enforcement officer killed in Utah was Rodney Badger on April 29, 1853, as he was trying to save a family whose wagon had overturned in the Weber River. Badger was able to save the mother and four children but drowned when he went back to try and save the other two children. One of the three new statues represents Badger. One is of a female K-9 officer searching for a suspect and the other statue is of a Utah Highway Patrol trooper which is looking at a picture of his family which he will never see again as he too lost his life. As the medallion of the memorial states: 'All give some - Some give all'

"Governor Jon Huntsman Jr. spoke about the dedication law enforcement officers make and how he was there to pay tribute to his own family member, William N Huntsman who worked for Salt Lake City Police Department and died February 15th, 1924.

Stephen R. Andersons' plaque was the final plaque placed on the wall prior to the dedication, and the Anderson family took part in placing the plaque on the wall. President Boyd K Packer of the Quorum of the Twelve, from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints gave the dedication prayer at the memorial.

The Iron County Sheriff's Office lost its first deputy September 24, 2002. Deputy Edward "Ed" Dare was responding to assist Cedar City Police Department with a report of a drunk driver with a gun. Dare died as he responded to the area when his patrol vehicle left the roadway and rolled.

"Dare had previously been an active member of the military, worked as an entertainer, musician and worked in the construction field. Dare was a talented musician as he was able to play several instruments without flaw, all at the same time.

"Dare started his career with the Iron County Sheriff's Office at the age of 52. He was the School Resource Officer for the then Canyon View High School (which is now Canyon View Middle School). After Cedar City Police took over the schools within Cedar City, Dare worked patrol and also in the traffic division. Dare was one to always be happy no matter what was happening. He always worked to make everyday a better place.

"Dare was one who loved to make people laugh and smile. He got in trouble a few times trying to do so. One of these times, was when a person he had stopped was upset they had received a

citation and asked Dare if he had a quota. Dare responded with "no, but if I get one more I win the toaster for the month". The motorist did not think this was very funny and hence the complaint.

"I remember though out of the academy, Dare would always help others and tried to make sure everyone felt comfortable before, after and during testing. During the domestic violence training, Dare asked the instructor if they could have fun. The instructor said no way, but Dare was determined to have a little fun with this stressful time. Dare told another cadet the instructor said they could. So when it was their turn, Dare and the other cadet came into the "residence" with Dare on guitar and the cadet was dancing. The class was watching on the television screen which was recording the whole thing. The class broke into laughter and so did the role-players. Dare was in trouble but it made the day much brighter.

"Although a Deputy was hired to fill Dares loss, the hole he left can never been filled." ð Sgt. Del Schlosser

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