

DEPARTMENT HISTORY

On January 23, 1946, Clearfield City hired the first town marshal, Lamar Chard, who served until January 13, 1948. Chief Chard later became the Chief of Police for Layton City.

Alf Padgett was the first appointed Chief of Police, serving from 1948 until 1966. It was rumored that his compensation was paid for from the fines imposed for dog tag violations; this rumor came from two sources, but has not been confirmed.

During this period of time the citizens who needed police assistance would call the Mountain Bell (AT&T) operator in Kaysville, Utah. The operator in turn would activate a light switch that would turn on a red light, which was located on the top of the Frost Top hamburger stand near 400 South State Street in Clearfield. Upon the officer on duty sighting the light, he would call the Kaysville operator to receive his instructions or assignment.



Lamar Chard



Herbert Modishaw

It was during this time that an old civil defense car was used as the city police cruiser. A radio was installed in the vehicle with communication dispatches being handled by the Utah Highway Patrol.



Upon the retirement of Chief Padgett in 1966, Herbert Modishaw was appointed to be the new chief. Chief Modishaw was known as the Englishman, because he had been born in England and carried a heavy English accent. He was popular with citizens of Clearfield, as he was known as an individual who cared for everyone and took care of their problems. Chief Modishaw retired in 1971 because of poor health.

Lyle Wood was then appointed chief in May of 1971 and terminated in July of 1971.



Pete Archuleta

On July 21, 1971, A.O. (Pete) Archuleta was hired from the Weber County Sheriff's Office. Chief Archuleta was a progressive chief, obtaining numerous money grants for equipment and manpower. Chief Archuleta terminated his career with the department on July 7, 1977.



Daren Green

On December 15, 1977, O. Daren Green was hired as Chief. Chief Green had previously been a Lt. with the department and served as interim chief after Chief Archuleta left. Chief Green worked among his troops, and it was a very common sight to see him with a pair of gloves hanging from the pants pocket of his uniform. He was respected among his troops as a compassionate but firm administrator. The officers often said that Chief Green would drive 100 miles to save a dollar. Chief Green retired November 11, 1991.

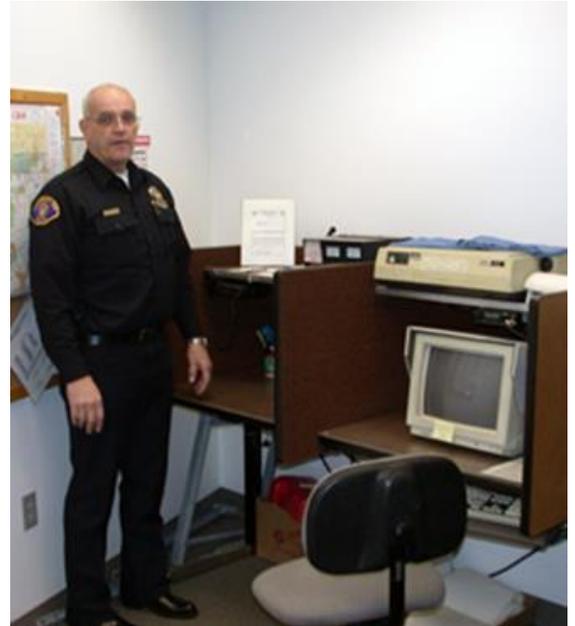


Chief of Police Morton D. Sparks was hired February 23, 1992. He came to the department from Layton Police Department where he was serving as assistant chief. Chief Sparks started his career with the Layton Police Department

in 1967 and later worked for the Ogden Police Department, and then later returned to Layton Police Department once again. It has been Chief Sparks' honor to be the project coordinator for the new municipal building built at 55 South State Street. He undertook the task, bringing experience, as he had been project manager of the Layton Police Department's new building.

Chief Sparks brought the Clearfield Police Department into the Community Policing era with enthusiasm and a desire to police the community with the help of citizens, officers, and all individuals concerned that live within the community. Chief Sparks retired on January 9, 2004.

After he retired, Chief Sparks enjoyed working with the amateur radio station (N7CRG) and served as the Emergency Services Manager for Clearfield City for about four years. He continued to ensure that the emergency communications systems were improved and updated with new state-of-the-art equipment and processes, including the city's emergency siren system, installed throughout the city in spring 2009, and the establishment of the city's emergency radio station 1680 AM. Morton also implemented the CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) program through Citizen Corps/FEMA, which has trained hundreds of citizens in Emergency Preparedness.



James C. (Jim) Schilling was appointed as Clearfield City's seventh Chief of Police on March 23, 2004. Chief Schilling began his police career as a reserve officer in 1982, becoming a full-time patrolman on October 1983. Chief Schilling was first assigned to the Patrol Division, and served in the capacity of a motorcycle officer for a year and a half in 1987. Chief Schilling went into the Criminal Investigations Division as a detective, where he served for thirteen years, investigating all types of crimes, from property to homicide and specializing in fire/arson investigation.

As a detective, Chief Schilling was promoted through the ranks to Assistant Chief of Police in July of 2000. As the Assistant Chief, he was responsible for working to obtain a number of grants, which have benefited the department in new technologies. He was also the architect of the new selective traffic enforcement division in 2003, with a mission to reduce automobile crashes in the community.

After 26 years of service, Chief Schilling retired from the Clearfield City Police Department on April 16, 2010.



Greg Krusi accepted the appointment as Clearfield City's eighth Chief of Police on April 20, 2010. Chief Krusi, previously the Assistant Chief of Police of Clearfield City for six years, has been with the Clearfield Police Department since 1985, beginning his career as a Reserve Officer (volunteer position). After completing his B.S. degree in Law Enforcement from Weber State, he was hired as a Clearfield City Patrol Officer. Over his 28 year law enforcement career, Krusi has held various positions in the police department, including Narcotics Investigator, Narcotics Investigation supervisor, Patrol Sergeant, Criminal Investigations, Patrol Lieutenant, and Assistant Chief of Police.

Chief Krusi is a member of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, Public Information Officers Association, and International Chiefs of Police Association.