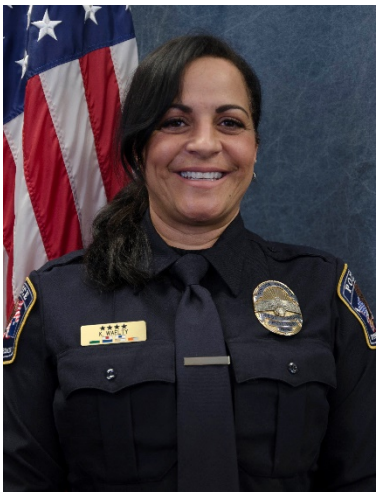
City of West Jordan Police Officer receives NAACP First Responder Award



Officer Kim Waelty, a 20-plus year law enforcement veteran, was presented the NAACP First Responder Award on Monday, January 20.

After completing a successful 20-year career in the West Valley City police department, Officer Waelty started to work with the West Jordan police department as a part-time background investigator. She then decided to jump back into policing full-time.

Officer Waelty is currently assigned as a Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (D.A.R.E.) officer where she continues to make outstanding contributions within the West Jordan community.

"Officer Waelty was selected as a DARE Officer as she possesses a unique skill set. She is a highly trained, experienced investigator that shows great compassion and understanding for those she serves," said West Jordan Police Lieutenant Rich Bell. "Kim possesses the innate ability to connect with people of different ages, backgrounds and walks of life."

Officer Waelty works side-by-side with students to help them succeed.

"I thought this would be a wonderful experience," said West Jordan officer, Kim Waelty. "I really enjoy working with kids, I get to help them when they need me, and I get to interact with them in a positive way."

Those who work with Officer Waelty said she is a great asset to the department.

"The only way to effectively maintain order, safety, and effectively police a community is to have the trust and support of those we serve," said Lt. Bell. "I am grateful to her for the time and effort she puts forth and feel she deserves to be recognized for the significant positive impact she is having within the West Jordan community."