



Utah Division of Wildlife Resources

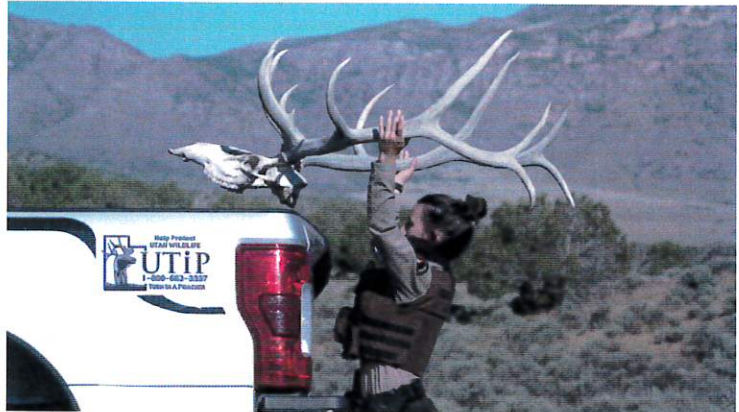
Enforcing wildlife laws in Utah

Violations documented by conservation officers

The role of our wildlife conservation officers is to protect the state's fish, wildlife and wildlife habitat. They are sworn peace officers, and each patrols about 2,000 square miles.

We expect our conservation officers to spend the **majority of their time** enforcing wildlife laws and educating the public, which they are doing. After reviewing recent enforcement data, we found:

- Approximately **70%** of all documented violations are wildlife related.
- Approximately **30%** of violations fall under non-wildlife criminal code. These can include things like possession of a controlled substance, alcohol violations, criminal trespass, possession of drug paraphernalia, traffic violations, etc.
- Only about **5%** of all violations are traffic related and **less than 2%** occur on major highways.
- In the last 12 months, our conservation officers have collectively documented about **105 traffic violations** along major highways (**less than 2 per officer**).



Wildlife-related violations are our top priority, but it would be irresponsible to ignore public-safety violations — like speeding in excess, driving under the influence or reckless driving — when our officers encounter these violations during patrols.

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