FIGHTING CRIME IN UTAH
PALANTIR AT THE SALT LAKE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

THE STORY

Police officers performing investigations need immediate access to a vast array of information, including data on individuals, vehicles, organizations, criminal history, biometrics, and officer reports. Crimes frequently take place across different jurisdictions, so officers need to approach different police departments to request information. In 2010, 12 state and local law enforcement agencies in the Salt Lake Valley deployed Palantir Law Enforcement through an Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant. Palantir has transformed these agencies’ ability to conduct intelligence-led policing across jurisdictions.

OUR SOLUTION

“Palantir has provided investigators and analysts with a tool that dramatically increases efficiency and capability. For the first time, we can say that we have integrated crime enforcement within the Salt Lake Valley.”
- Chris Burbank, Chief of Police, SLCPD

With Palantir Law Enforcement, the Salt Lake City Police and Sheriff’s Departments have a single point of access to view and analyze dozens of data sets as they perform investigations. Additionally, SLCPD and UASI are in the process of linking police records systems from more than 12 agencies in the State of Utah. Examples of integrated data include suspicious activity reports, criminal records, mug shots, open source, and airport data. Searches that used to take days or weeks to compile across multiple law enforcement agencies now occur in minutes or seconds, as police departments can access cross-jurisdictional data in real time.

SLCPD officers also use Palantir Law Enforcement’s analysis tools to perform investigations. They use the Graph application to build link charts and “human maps” describing suspected criminal networks and the Map application to perform location-based searches and generate heat maps that distinguish areas with higher crime risks. They use Palantir Law Enforcement’s collaboration tools to share intelligence with other analysts, teams, and agencies related to specific investigations. By introducing technologies developed for federal intelligence agencies into the local law enforcement space, SLCPD dramatically improved the efficiency and effectiveness of police investigations.

IMPACT & RESULTS

Investigators in multiple jurisdictions now have access to more than 988,000 documents, 40,000 mugshots, 117,000 arrest records, and 520,000 case reports.

Searches are completed in minutes as opposed to days or weeks.

SLCPD estimates that Palantir Law Enforcement reduces the time it takes an officer to perform a complex investigation by 95%.