

Utah County Employee of the Month for May 2017

Darin Sleight – GIS Analyst / Programmer

Information Systems – GIS

The Employee of the Month system undoubtedly isn't fair. If it were, Darin Sleight should have probably won most every month since he began working for the County 15 years ago. The GIS Division in Utah County's Information System Department is tasked with providing geographic-based mapping, database and analysis solutions to the County. These solutions often require the development of applications or automated database functions.

As the GIS Manager, I am so grateful to have Darin as the lead programmer in the GIS Division. In the last 5 years alone, he has played a key role in developing several essential programs for the Records Office, Assessors Office, Mosquito Abatement in the Health Department and now the Engineering Division of Public Works just to name a few. It is important to note that these programs are not just convenient helps to these departments, but are typically mission-critical platforms essential for the execution of their core county functions. As such, the pressure is high to get these tools right, and without Darin, we would not be able to. In fact, he handles this pressure with ease by always being positive, helpful, considerate and humble. Everyone who works with Darin recognizes these traits too. Consider the following statements from those who work closest with him:

"Darin is awesome to work with. He can do almost anything. He does most of our complicated GIS programming and consistently takes our requests for improvements and makes them a reality for us... He always answers my many daily calls even though I am sure he would rather not. Darin is always kind and respectful to everyone. I consider him a friend as well as a co-worker."

Here is another:

"One thing that really sticks out in my mind about Darin is that he will find a way to give you what you ask for!! He is always willing to do whatever is necessary to accommodate our requests however outlandish they are. He is extremely humble, patient and a great friend!"

And another:

"I try to avoid anything that might even resemble computer programming. Darin's always been good to help up solve problems and create custom tools to make our mapping processes easier. It's probably not a big deal for him, but has made my work a lot easier."

Darin is more than qualified to receive this recognition. He is the ultimate team member because he quietly goes about his brilliant work without seeking any accolades for himself. That is exactly why I nominate him. That is also why so many of his co-workers emphatically agree that Darin should be the Employee of the Month.

Patrick R Wawro,

GIS Manager

