



Park County Sheriff's Office



2024 Annual Report

Darrell D. Steward, Sheriff

"Service, Safety, Security"

A MESSAGE FROM SHERIFF DARRELL D. STEWARD

To the citizens of Park County:

I sincerely want to thank the citizens of Park County for their continued support for the men and women of the Park County Sheriff's Office. I also wanted to provide you with an update of what has been happening within the Park County Sheriff's Office. All our departments have been busy with various issues around the county.

We were severely understaffed in 2024, particularly in the Detention and Dispatch Centers. During the last budget session, in July of 2024, the Board of County Commissioners have been very supportive and authorized significant wage increases for the staff of the Sheriff's Office. Since then, we have received several applications and were able to hire more employees to fill the previous vacancies. This has lessened the hiring crisis for the Sheriff's Office significantly, although we are continuing to struggle to fill vacant Detention Deputy positions.

The Board of County Commissioners have also provided us with the funding for the newly purchased Body-Worn-Cameras (BWCs) for Patrol and Detention Staff. The Body-Worn-Cameras were issued in December. These have been well received by the Deputies.

We are also evaluating and testing different types of mobile data terminals (MDT) for patrol vehicles. This will help reduce the workload on Dispatchers at critical times during the day and allow the Deputies to quickly access information during calls for services and/or traffic stops. The MDTs will allow the Deputies to see the locations, call types, and information being investigated by fellow law enforcement officers updated in real time.

We replaced four of our aging patrol trucks, as well as updated the emergency lights and control panels. We also added emergency lights to the grille guards and back bumpers to help drivers in lower vehicles notice the patrol trucks approaching them.

This year we replaced an electronic fingerprint machine in the Detention Center and purchased a second electronic fingerprint machine for the lobby. These machines replace the old-fashioned method of taking fingerprints with messy black ink and the related cleanup. The new machine in the front lobby is used for fingerprinting individuals for Concealed Weapons Permits, School Employment and various other public needs.

We also replaced the outdated and worn furniture in our Dispatch Center with more modern ergonomic adjustable workstations. This will allow the Dispatchers to adjust their workstations to fit their individual statures and help reduce fatigue during their long shifts.

We purchased twelve new portable radios for our Search and Rescue Volunteers to replace their older radios. This exceptional group of people donate hundreds of hours of their personal time for training every week and respond to numerous often dangerous Search and Rescue missions.

We have been updating our policies and procedures and also implemented a new Supervisory Survey system, which allows our staff to rate all the supervisors anonymously to assist

us in meeting their needs and concerns. This has provided us with tremendous insight into the issues that our fellow coworkers face, as well as improving our performance as supervisors.

Finally, but not least, we are very fortunate to have a Park County Sheriff's Office Non-Profit Foundation. All monetary donations made to the Sheriff's Office are turned over to the Sheriff's Office Foundation. This is a group of private individuals, who form an external team to oversee these funds. This year the Foundation has provided all our patrol trucks, Dispatch Center and Detention Center Control Terminals with thirty LifeVac systems. The Life Vac is a lifesaving tool that acts as a plunger-type device used to remove foreign objects from a victim's airway and restore breathing. These will be extremely valuable in the Detention Center if an inmate is choking on food, or out in the public if a family member is choking, or heaven forbid, a small child/infant is choking. A huge thank you to the Park County Sheriff's Office Foundation!

We look forward to continuing our service to the Park County community in 2025!

Our sincerest thanks!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Darrell Steward".

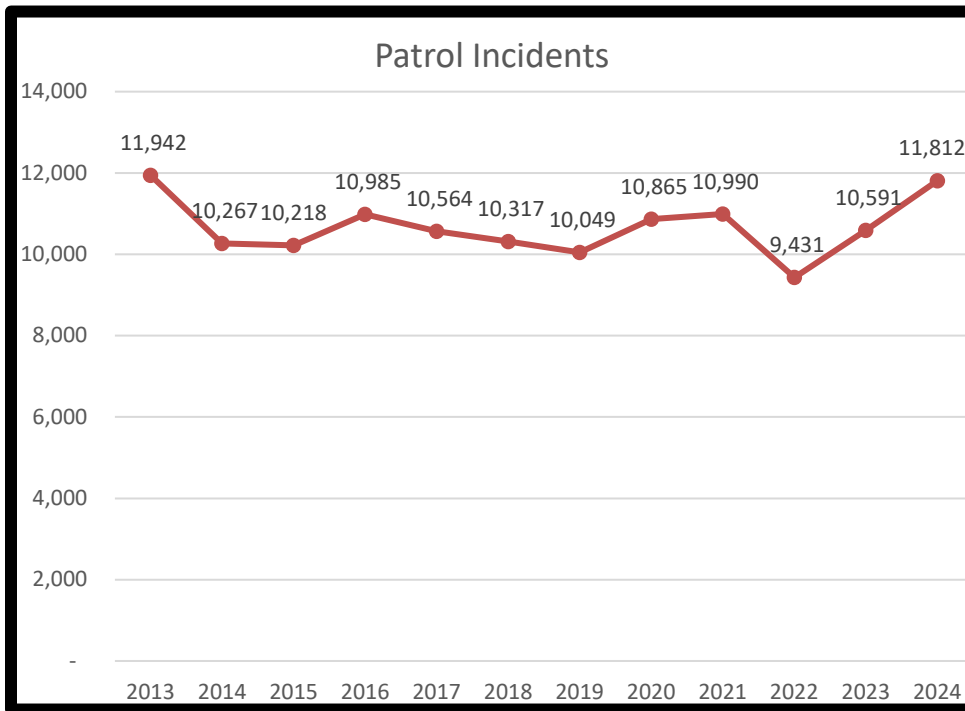
Darrell Steward
Sheriff, Park County, Wyoming

PATROL DIVISION

PATROL ACTIVITY - Patrol deputies continue to serve the citizens of Park County in the manner to which they have come to expect, with pride, compassion, and professionalism. In 2024, the patrol division responded to 11,812 calls for service. These included 2,938 motor vehicle inspections, 1,484 civil paper services, 2,476 traffic stops, 525 animal related calls, 202 warrant service attempts, 172 felony and misdemeanor arrests, 168 motor vehicle crash investigations, 233 criminal investigations and 843 non-criminal investigations. All of this activity was accomplished by 19 full-time patrol deputies (with two vacancies) including the Sheriff and Under Sheriff who are responsible for patrolling nearly 7,000 square miles of rural Park County. That equates to an average of 621 calls for service handled by each deputy during the year.

Overall, the data indicates an 11.5 percent increase in patrol incidents from 2023.

Administrative time (time spent completing incident or case reports; follow up investigatory activity; or contacting residents to inform them of the progress on their incidents) were factored into existing incidents, rather than creating separate incidents for this time.



INCIDENTS

Total Patrol Incidents	11,812
Calls for Service Incidents	5,946
Deputy Initiated Incidents	5,866
Traffic Stops	2,476 (13.57% resulted in citations)
Business/Building/Vehicle Checks	11
Other Incidents	3,390

ARRESTS

Total Arrests	215
Misdemeanor Arrests	164
Felony Arrests	51

CASE INVESTIGATIONS

Total Case Investigations	1,069
Vehicle Accident Investigations	120
Criminal Investigations	224
Non-Criminal Investigations	720
Unclassified Investigations	5

WARRANTS

New Warrants Received	472
New Circuit/District Court Warrants	373
Warrants Closed	346

VIN INSPECTIONS

Total VIN Inspections	2,938
VIN Inspection Fees Collected *	~ \$29,380.00

CIVIL SUMMONS

Total Service Attempts	1,501
Total Served	551
Total Attempts with No Service	950
Civil Service Fees Collected *	\$22,460

CITATIONS

Total Citations Issued	493
Misdemeanor Criminal Citations	141
Traffic Citations	333
Parking Citations	3
Unclassified	16

OTHER REVENUES COLLECTED

Inmate Phone Revenue*	\$18,981.50
Medication Reimbursements *	\$6,044.53
Restitution*	\$1,432.76
Miscellaneous **	\$10,785.28

* Fees collected are returned to the county general fund. Approximation in VIN fees due to differences in collection and numbers completed such as veteran, exempt etc.

** Fingerprint/Notary/Record fees/CCW fees/SOR Registration Fees

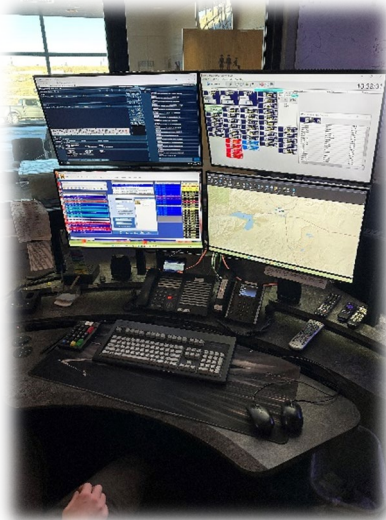
PATROL INCIDENTS BY TYPE

INCIDENT TYPE		INCIDENT TYPE	
911 HANG UP CALL	38	LITTERING	4
ABANDONED VEHICLE	67	MENTAL PROBLEM	14
ADMINISTRATIVE DUTY	5	MESSAGE DELIVERY	6
AIRCRAFT CRASH	2	MISCELLANEOUS ASSISTANCE	436
ALARM-INTRUSTION/HOLDUP	54	MOTOR VEHICLE CRASH	168
AMBULANCE-DEPUTY ASSIGNED	10	NCIC WARRANT ENTRY	136
ANIMAL-BITE	14	NOTIFY CITY DEPARTMENTS	21
ANIMAL-DECEASED	11	OPEN DOOR/WINDOW	8
ANIMAL-LOST	102	OTHER ACCIDENT	1
ANIMAL-NOISY	2	OTHER LAW VIOLATIONS	14
ANIMAL-OTHER	137	PARKING PROBLEM	6
ANIMAL-ON ROADWAY	170	PATROL-EXTRA	195
ANIMAL-STRAY	89	PERSON LOST	1
ASSIST OTHER AGENCY	695	PRISONER TRANSPORT	34
ASSAULT	12	PROBATION VIOLATION	1
ATTEMPT TO LOCATE	23	PROPERTY DAMAGE	48
AUTO BURGLARY	4	PROPERTY FOUND	80
BARWALK	7	PROPERTY LOST	87
BODY FOUND	15	PROTECTION ORDER	22
BUILDING BURGLARY	6	PROWLER	4
CHILD WELFARE	18	REDDI REPORT	48
CITIZEN/BUSINESS CONTACT	124	ROAD HAZARD/BLOCKAGE	88
CIVIL ATTEMPTS	1,484	RUNAWAY JUVENILE	4
CIVIL DISPUTE	77	SEARCH AND RESCUE CALL	37
CIVIL STANDBY	64	SECURITY CHECK	1
CUSTODY DISPUTE	6	SEXUAL ASSAULT	10
DISTURBANCE	34	SEXUAL OFFENDER NOTIFICATION	21
DOMESTIC	55	SEXUAL OFFENDER RECORD	5
EXTRA PATROL REQUEST	45	SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION	81
FIRE CALL-DEPUTY ASSIGNED	11	SEX OFFENDER REPORTING	72
FIREWORKS COMPLAINT	2	SPECIAL INCIDENT- Undefined	20
FLAGDOWN OF DEPUTY	33	STRUCTURE FIRE	2
FOLLOWUP INVESTIGATION	127	STOLEN LICENSE PLATES	3
FRAUD RELATED	75	STOLEN VEHICLE	9
HARASSMENT	30	SUICIDE ATTEMPT/THREATS	26
HAZARD TO SAFETY	4	SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY	151
INCORRIGIBLE JUVENILE	15	THEFT	59

INFORMATIONAL CASE	84	UNKNOWN CALL TYPE	2
INTOXICATED SUBJECT	10	US FOREST SERVICE PATROL	52
LIQUOR LAW VIOLATION	1	VIN INSPECTIONS	2,938
THREATS	29	WARRANT SERVICE	202
TRAFFIC COMPLAINT	120	WEAPONS OFFENSE	17
TRAFFIC STOP	2,476	WELFARE CHECK	135
TRAINING/ INSTRUCTION	34		
TRESPASS COMPLAINT	98	TOTAL PCSO PATROL INCIDENTS	11,812

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS

The Park County Sheriff's Office Communications Division handles calls for the Park County Sheriff's Office, Cody Police Department, Park County Search and Rescue, Cody



Regional Healthcare EMS, the Cody, Powell, Meeteetse and Clark Fire/First Responder Districts as well as auto launching the Cody Guardian life flight services for scene flights to medical emergencies further than 20 miles from town. In 2024, nine total emergency telecommunicators handled 24,685 calls for service which is a 6.04 percent increase from 2023. This continues the trend of calls increasing every year. However, this equates to over 2,742 calls per emergency

telecommunicator. The Emergency Communications center received 6,458 emergency 911 calls which is 80% of the 8,097 total 911 calls in Park County. Powell PD received the remaining calls from inside their city limits. With recent 2023 FCC changes, cellular 911 calls are routed by the callers actual GPS coordinates and not by the location of a cell tower which will cause this number to continue to increase. This doesn't even count the multitude of calls that are received daily on our admin lines either. Park County 911 Emergency Telecommunicators play many roles: therapist, Emergency Medical Dispatcher (EMD) providing pre-arrival medical instructions to callers, Emergency Fire Dispatch (EFD) as we dispatch all fire services in Park County, lawyer, teacher, weatherman, guidance counselor, psychologist, priest, secretary, supervisor, politician, and reporter. And few people must jump through the emotional hoops on the trip through the routine of one caller's request for a phone number, to the fear of another caller's burglary in progress, to the anger of a neighbor blocking in their driveway, to the distress of a caller who lost their pet, to the stress of an officer's request for help, and back to the phone number request all in a five-minute time frame. But Park County 911 emergency



telecommunicators accept these responsibilities and handle them with expertise and confidence.

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION CALLS FOR SERVICE

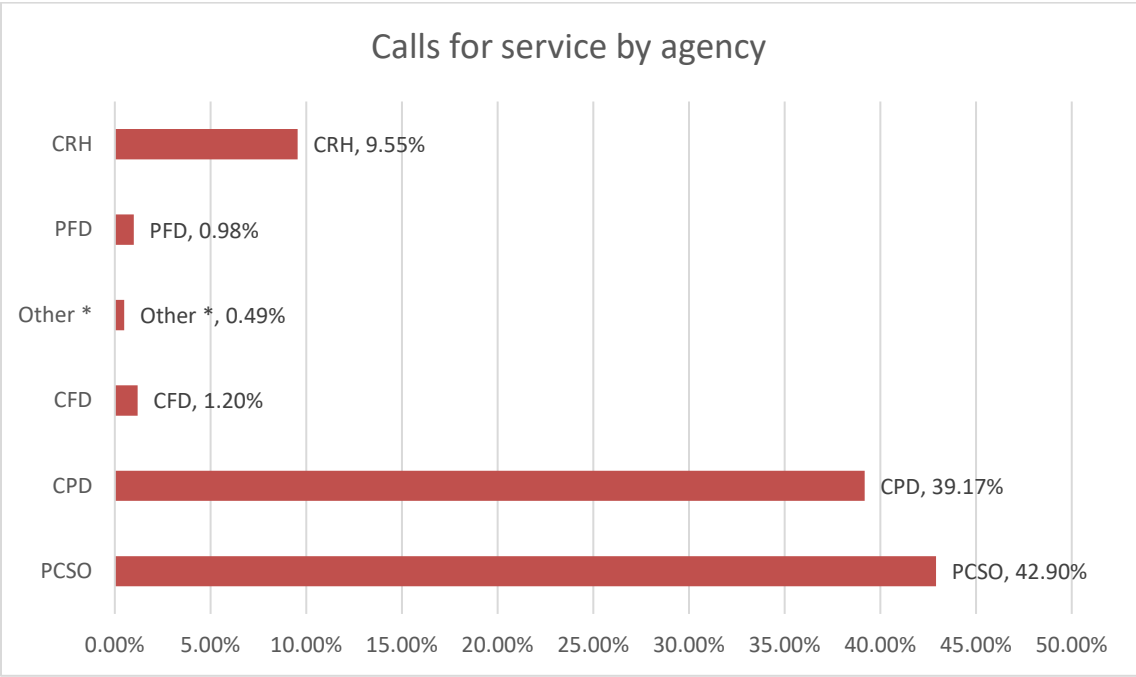
Park County Sheriff's Office	11,812
Cody Police Department	9,818
Cody Fire Department	354
Clark Fire Department	40
Powell Fire Department	234
Meeteetse Fire Department	33
Cody Regional Health EMS	2,340
Park County Search and Rescue	31
Guardian Air Ambulance	23
Total Calls for Service	24,685

Controlled Burn Permits

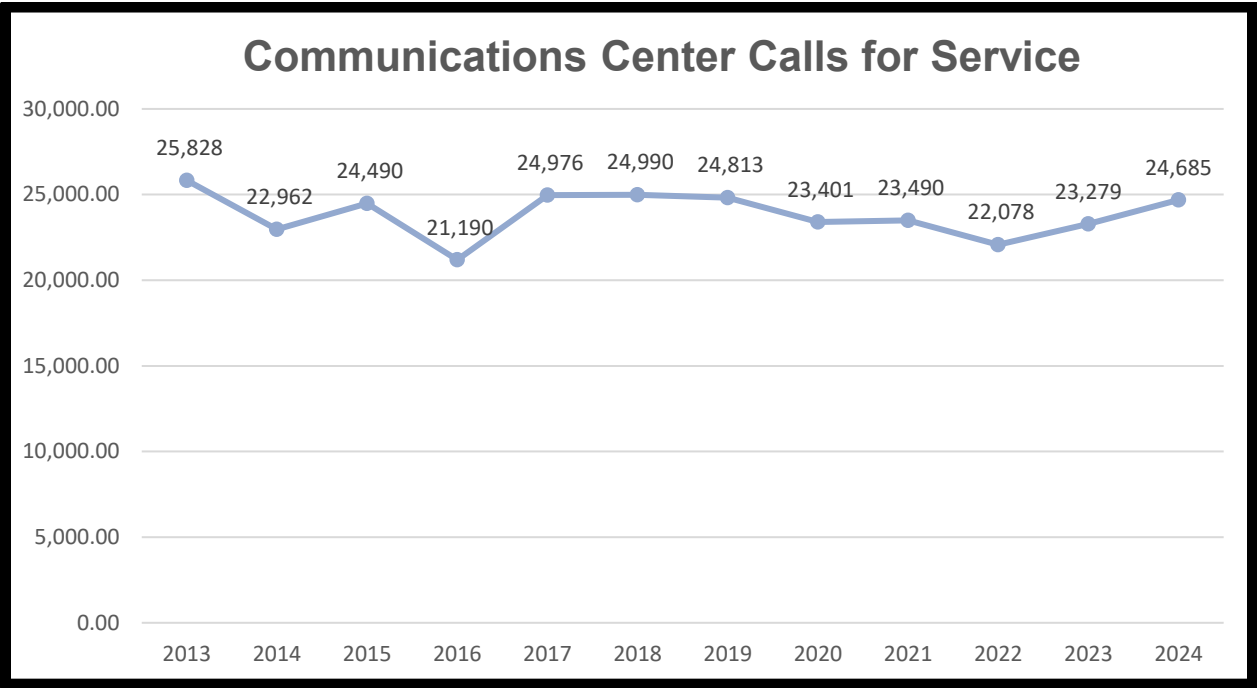
Total Permits Issued	2,996
Cody/Meeteetse Area	1,193
Powell/Garland/Ralston/Clark Area	1,760

Fire Calls Dispatched

Cody Fire Department	354
Clark Fire Department	40
Powell Fire Department	234
Meeteetse Fire Department	33
Total Fire Calls	661 (2.69% total calls)



* Clark Fire / Meeteetse Fire / Search & Rescue / Guardian EMS



DETENTION

The Park County Detention Center is a 106-bed facility that is a twenty-four-hour, seven-day-a-week operation staffed with 20 deputies (with 5 vacancies). The staff is tasked with the safe and secure confinement and management of inmates. 2024 was once again an example of the staff's ability to adapt and evolve quickly and efficiently. The staff also continued to reevaluate policy, making updates and modifications as needed, focused on training, and streamlining the processes in the Detention Center. In 2024, the Park County Sheriff's Office Detention Division booked a total of 736 prisoners into the holding facility. The second table below breaks it down even further.

TOTAL DETENTION BOOKINGS FOR 2024

	2024
Park County Sheriff	165
Cody Police Dept.	262
Powell Police Dept.	84
Wyoming Highway Patrol	39
Other Agencies	6
Individual Booking Charges *	1,156
Total Bookings *	1,191

* Includes "weekender" bookings, where someone comes to serve time on weekends only. Some arrests had individuals with multiple charges per booking equating to the higher number of charges above.

Monthly Stats	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Apr 2024	May 2024	Jun 2024	Jul 2024	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	TOTAL
Total Bookings	69	64	71	61	57	78	63	49	68	45	58	53	736
Male	53	46	54	39	45	50	40	34	51	33	44	39	528
Female	14	18	16	19	12	25	19	15	16	11	12	9	186
Juvenile	2	0	1	3	0	3	4	0	1	1	2	5	22
Total Releases	63	63	72	61	59	63	68	41	63	59	58	46	501
Male	50	46	57	45	43	38	45	27	48	43	47	36	403
Female	13	17	15	16	16	25	23	14	15	16	11	10	98
Average Daily Pop	40	42	43	42	39	42	45	42	50	44	36	36	
Male	32	32	32	29	26	32	38	36	42	38	33	33	
Female	8	10	11	13	13	10	7	6	8	6	3	3	
Highest 1 day pop	44	47	51	50	42	51	51	50	58	55	40	46	
Lowest 1 day pop	34	39	37	37	36	36	38	39	44	36	32	31	

USE OF FORCE - The Park County Detention Center also tracks the use of force incidents against inmates within our care and protection. These incidents are created whenever a detention deputy has to utilize force against a non-compliant inmate. This can be in the form of compliance holds such as a wristlock up to and including the use of non-lethal weapons such as a Taser or pepper spray. We continually strive to keep these incidents to a minimum by providing the best possible training to our deputies in methods to mitigate situations prior to resorting to physical force. Assaults by inmates against officers and each other decreased in 2024, and our use of force incidents decreased as well. As with use of force incidents, we continually strive to minimize inmate assaults through training. All inmates who assault officers or other inmates are prosecuted under state law.

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Use of Force Incidents *	9	21	13	16	6
Inmate Assaults	4	4	6	6	3

* Force is used to gain compliance only

The fight for those suffering from mental health problems continues. A Title 25 (WSS 25-1-109) hold is a hold placed on an individual in order to detain them for the protection of themselves or others, placed by a mental health professional, licensed physician, or law enforcement officer. In 2024 six people were placed on sole Title 25 holds without additional criminal charges that were housed in the Park County Detention Center. Twelve additional arrests had initial Title 25 holds applied at time of booking which were subsequently dropped after evaluation by a mental health professional.

These individuals occupied either the padded cell or an alternate protective housing (to accommodate multiple mental health holds simultaneously) for 162 days in 2023. In 2024 there were eighteen (18) inmates that occupied either the padded cell or an alternate protective housing for a combined 388 days. These numbers represent multiple rooms simultaneously per day, reflecting as multiple days. This is a significant increase that is unfortunate and is a result of not being able to get inmates to the Wyoming State Hospital for court ordered evaluations/care due to their limited bed availability.

FACEBOOK & HYPER REACH - The Park County Sheriff's Office continued to utilize social media and emergency notifications in 2024 to communicate directly with residents through the use of its Facebook page and through direct communications via Hyper Reach. The social media is used to inform and engage the residents of Park County on a variety of topics. Safety messages, emergency bulletins, and agency information are included, but also the accounts are used to distribute information on incidents reported to the sheriff's office that may be of interest to our residents. The intent is to proactively distribute information that is both informative and safety-oriented in content and when necessary, ask for assistance from residents in emergency situations. At the end of 2023 Park County switched our "reverse 911" provider from Code Red to Hyper Reach which allows us to disseminate messages easier and quicker to residents. This will be utilized by the Sheriff's Office, Cody PD, Powell PD, Homeland Security, Public works and more. If you had previously signed up for Code Red notifications, your information was transferred to the Hyper Reach program for you. We are extremely pleased with the popularity of these services.



If you have not yet signed up for emergency notifications, you can sign up quickly by scanning the QR code below with your mobile device. Residents and people who work in Park County are encouraged to enroll now (using a Park County address) either by calling or texting "Alert" to **307-213-7177** or by going to the website: <http://hyper-reach.com/wyparksignup.html>.



Should you have any further questions or need more information, please contact the Public Information Officer Monte McClain via phone at 307-527-8700 or email at Monte.McClain@parkcountysheriff-wy.gov.

Thank you!