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ly aware that we are doing this so we weren't inundated with requests this year. We hope to get the word out to help more people next year.”

Organizations requesting funding were required to send a nomination letter that addressed how the money would be used in accordance with the foundation's goals, the number of individuals the money would benefit, recommendation letters, financial statements, and a budget detailing how the money will be spent if received.

The evening's festivities included live entertainment, food and a silent auction, which included an African safari, helicopter rides, a sushi dinner at the winner's home for 24 people prepared by a professional chef, and tickets to the Bees, Jazz and the Miller Motor Park. There and wellness packages from Alta View Hospital.

This year's event raised more money than the previous year and the foundation credits that partially to La Caille owner and Sandy Chamber Board of Directors member Steve Runolfson's willingness to not only host the event at La Caille, but also the restaurant offsetting a large portion of the event costs, which allowed more money to go to the charity. La Caille also donated hundreds of gift cards to the event.

“We feel that this is a great way to give back to the community that has helped us for so many years,” Nancy Workman, president and CEO of the Sandy Area Chamber of Commerce said.

New technology will help Sandy PD keep Sandy safer

By Brenda Fisher

Sandy City has joined the ranks of such communities as Los Angeles, Denver and Phoenix by installing a state of the art wireless surveillance system that will not only keep residents safe but also protect officers who respond to problems. This system, which connects cameras throughout the city, has already aided the police department in locating a missing juvenile and witnessing crimes in progress.

“This system is truly a workforce multiplier because there are certain areas of town we can cover with the camera and won't have to have officers patrol,” Sandy Police Chief Stephen Chapman said. “It's also a great safety tool because our officers have the ability in our cars to bring up these cameras. So if they respond to certain areas where the cameras are active, they can see what's going on before they arrive.”

The system utilizes 12 permanent cameras located throughout Sandy and three mobile systems that can be placed in troublesome areas and monitored safely from the mobile command center. What makes this system unique is that despite using the latest technology at the police department's fingertips, it's not costing Sandy a fortune to implement it. The total cost of the project will be \$400,000 – \$330,000 of it came from grants while the police, public works and parks and recreation split the remaining balance.

“One of the biggest benefits is the



Lone Peak Park is the site of one the new cameras the Sandy PD is using to keep an eye on popular spots around the community.

dramatic cost savings,” said Ksenia Coffman, marketing manager for Firetide, which provided the wireless infrastructure network. “In an urban setting, the wireless system costs about 80 percent less than having to lay cable. It is able to deploy quickly and minimize the impact on residents.”

Other city departments have already started utilizing this program including public utilities, which has access to view various water storage facilities around the city and public works, which will have the ability to monitor snow fall amounts and dispatch snow plows to the heaviest hit areas more quickly. Chapman said the other departments' use of the system is in

its infancy right now, but they hope to expand it soon.

Chapman said they are also hoping to expand into the private sector and eventually allow businesses and schools to use the system so that police can monitor them, especially during a bank robbery or a problem at a local school. There is also talk about opening parts of it up to the public and creating wireless hot spots at various parks around the city.

“Sandy serves as a great example of how to use the latest technology to improve the quality of life for its residents and enrich the services for the community,” Coffman said.

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