

Det. Justin Boardman (Fmr.) West Valley City Police Department, Utah Salt Lake City, UT

Justin Boardman served Utah's West Valley City Police Department for 15 years, rising from patrol officer to detective with the Special Victims Unit. In his eight years as a patrol officer, he was awarded the Police Star, as well as multiple Life Saving, Distinguished Service, and Meritorious Service Awards.

For the next seven years, he joined the Property Crimes Unit and then the Special Victims Unit. In his first year working Special Victims investigations, Boardman was awarded Investigator of the Year. He

conducted nearly 300 forensic child victim interviews and 140 adult sexual assault victim interviews. Boardman co-authored a Trauma Informed Victim Interview protocol for adult sexual assault victims, which uses insights from the neurobiology of trauma. This protocol has been shown to both increase prosecutions and improve victim comfort. Boardman began presenting across Utah and nationwide on the protocol and other best practices to build stronger cases against sexual predators.

In 2017, Boardman left his department to focus full-time on sharing policing best practices, particularly for sexual assault victim interviews. Boardman sits on the Board of Directors for the Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault. Today, he regularly presents and consults nationally on issues across the policing profession.

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