**Bio**

**Cari Bobo**, SSW

SLCPD Victim Advocate

Facility Dog Handler for Rita

Cari Bobo has worked for the Salt Lake City Police Department as a victim advocate for 4 years. Previously she worked for the domestic violence shelter, South Valley Services, as a victim advocate/disability specialist and was the Director of Operations for an adolescent behavioral and mental health day treatment center. She is an SSW and received her BA in Sociology, and certificate in Criminology and Corrections from the University of Utah.

Cari focuses on trauma-informed advocacy and the empowerment model for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault and supports them throughout the law enforcement and court processes. Over this past year she has been a facility dog handler for Rita. Rita has been through specialized training by Canine Companions for Independence and has been certified by Assistance Dogs International. Cari has recognized the important work and effect that Rita has on victims, officers, and other advocates during traumatic and stressful times. ​