

Evil and Imbecilic Attempts

At the end of 2005, the *Deseret News* published several articles on cross memorials donated by the Utah Highway Patrol Association. In general the crosses are 12 feet high, carry the UHP beehive logo, and are on private and government owned property, placed as close as possible to where the patrolmen died.

In 2012, a lawsuit challenging the placement of the crosses on public land was upheld by the 10th Circuit Court (and denied cert by the Supreme Court), requiring that the UHP logo be removed from the crosses, and that those crosses that were on public land must be moved to private land.

I supported [Eva05] the athiests who brought the suit, because if this were some other symbol, such as a pentagram placed by Wiccans (no offence intended to the Wiccans) to represent Christian and Mormon officers, there would be outrage.

It is not surprising that in the *Deseret News*, Reader's forum [Smi05], I was called out for defending "evil and imbecilic attempts...to stamp out the rights of everyone else who believes in and worships God". If anyone should defend the atheist's suit, it should be those who do not use the cross to represent their faith. It turns out the author has defended Mormons several times in the *Deseret News*, but the irony is that he didn't join me in defending Mormons (perhaps among others) against the state imposing the cross as a symbol to represent them.

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