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**WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
RAVEN HELICOPTER CONDUCTS A
PRECAUTIONARY LANDING DURING
ROUTINE PATROL**

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The Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN Helicopter was responding to Depoali Middle School on a report of a Suspicious Vehicle. RAVEN located the vehicle and was observing the vehicle until a Patrol Unit arrived on scene, when the RAVEN Crew – a pilot & observer, noticed that an engine warning light had been activated. The aircraft exhibited no loss of power or engine function, but established safety protocols dictated that the aircraft land immediately as a precautionary measure.

The RAVEN Crew conducted a safe landing in a large vacant field near South Meadows Pkwy & Veterans Pkwy, well away from any bystanders, vehicles, or buildings. The pilot & observer suffered no injuries and the aircraft sustained no damage.