Community Partnership Connection



Look, Listen, and Let Someone Know

Report Suspicious Activity to Law Enforcement









Homeland Security Begins with Hometown Security

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office, the Reno and Sparks Police Departments and the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center have partnered to create the "Look, Listen, and Let Someone Know" public awareness campaign as a companion to the Department of Homeland Security's "See Something, Say Something" national campaign.

This campaign emphasizes the importance of reporting suspicious activity to law enforcement authorities.

We encourage the public to report suspicious behavior and situations (e.g., an unattended backpack in a public place or someone trying to break into a restricted area).

If you see something suspicious taking place, report that behavior or activity to local law enforcement. Call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

What can you do?

We ask that residents:

- Be alert to and report unattended packages. If you see an item that looks suspicious, do not move or handle it.
 The disposal of any item suspected of being an explosive must only be done by individuals trained in ordnance disposal.
- Be wary of suspicious behavior.
- Take notice of people in bulky or inappropriate clothing.
- Report exposed wiring or other irregularities.
- Report anyone tampering with surveillance cameras or entering unauthorized areas.

If it's not an emergency and you witness suspicious activity, call law enforcement dispatch at:

City of Reno (775) **334-2121**City of Sparks (775) **353-2231**Washoe County (775) **785-WCSO (9276)**

"Joining Forces" DUI Enforcement Campaign

Tim Kuzanek Promoted to Undersheriff

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office joined the Nevada Highway Patrol, Reno Police Department and Sparks Police Department in a two-week "Joining Forces" DUI Enforcement campaign earlier this month.

From June 28 through July 12, 2013, the Sheriff's Office and other participating agencies conducted around the clock saturation patrols and a DUI checkpoint on the 4th of July aimed at helping to save more lives by enforcing DUI laws.

"Joining Forces" events such as this also help to increase awareness about DUI laws, enforce the community's "no tolerance" stance towards impaired driving, and remind people that it is *never* safe to drive impaired.

Sheriff's Office Patrol staff assigned to this DUI Campaign initiated approximately 170 traffic stops. Although a driver may be stopped for one violation, several other violations may be observed during the subsequent investigation. This may result in the driver being issued citations for numerous violations. The total number of citations and warnings issued during this event was 234.

Of those stopped by the Sheriff's Office, four drivers were arrested for DUI, one was arrested on felony drug charges and five were arrested on fugitive charges.

Other citations issued by the Sheriff's Office included:

90 speeding citations

3 cell phone citations

6 citations for driver's license related violations

11 motor vehicle registration citations

25 vehicle equipment citations

1 seat belt citation

1 child seat citation

35 citations for failure to show proof of insurance

1 citation for failing to yield the right of way

7 citations for running a red light

Additional citations and written warnings totaled 44.

The Sheriff's Office is nationally recognized for its data driven approach to reducing crime and increasing public safety in Washoe County. Crime statistics are reviewed weekly and used to proactively fight crime in the region and provide the best possible services to the citizens of our community. The additional units and overtime needed for this campaign was paid through a grant received from the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Traffic Safety "Joining Forces" program. "Joining Forces" is a multi-jurisdictional law enforcement program that promotes statewide enforcement in the areas of: DUI, seat belt, distracted driving, speed and pedestrian safety. The goal of these enforcement campaigns is to increase public awareness about the dangers of making poor choices while driving.



Tim Kuzanek, a 20-year veteran of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, was promoted to the position of Undersheriff this month. The Undersheriff is second-incommand to the Sheriff and responsible for the managerial oversight of all Sheriff's Office operations and fiscal management.

Undersheriff Kuzanek was serving as Assistant Sheriff of the Administration Bureau until he was promoted to his new role by Sheriff Michael Haley on July 1st. "I've known Tim for a long, long time," Sheriff Haley said. "He is a critical thinker and a hard worker. He believes firmly in the Sheriff's Office team and has the leadership skills necessary to keep that team on the right track."

Undersheriff Kuzanek said he looks forward to putting his years of experience to work for the benefit of the Sheriff's Office and the communities it serves. "We've done such great work over the years and it is going to be my honor to help lead this organization as we create even more successes in the future," Undersheriff Kuzanek said.

Sheriff Haley appointed **Anthony Miranda** as the new Assistant Sheriff of the Administration Bureau.



Target Shooting Can Cause Wildfires



As our summer days get longer, more people head outdoors to practice target shooting. But as northern Nevadans know, these hot summer months also increase the risk of wildfires. Increased temperatures along with highly flammable cheat grass and other Nevada native shrubs produce the ideal conditions for recreational shooters to unintentionally start wildfires. A small spark from target shooting can quickly ignite a large fire and endanger lives and property. In the last decade, thousands of acres and structures in northern Nevada have been lost to fires that were started by recreational shooting in the wildlands. If you plan to target shoot in uncongested areas this season, make sure you take the necessary precautions to prevent the chance of wildfire. Here are a few recommendations for shooting responsibly:

- 1. Bring water or a fire extinguisher. This may sound obvious, but shooters often fail to bring a fire extinguisher or enough water to put a fire out. A simple five gallon container of water available to you while shooting could help prevent the spread of fire, if one does start.
- 2. Choose locations with little vegetation, preferably dirt or gravel. Placing a target in grass or vegetation increases the risk of fire.
- 3. Bring soft targets with you; avoid shooting rocks, metal, or pressurized containers.
- 4. Don't shoot with steel core ammunition. Ammunition that contains steel core will spark when it hits hard surfaces. To avoid any chance of sparking, don't use steel ammo and avoid shooting in rocky areas.
- 5. Bring a shovel with you when are out in the wildland areas. You may use the shovel to remove vegetation from around the target. Disturbing the soil to bare ground will help prohibit the spread of fire should one start.
- 6. NEVER shoot exploding targets. Not only are they illegal, but binary exploding targets made of ammonium nitrate and aluminum powder is highly destructive and flammable. People using exploding targets are subject to federal penalties.
- 7. Park your vehicle away from dry grass. The hot undercarriage of a car or truck can easily create enough heat to ignite dry grass. One pound of cheat grass has the same combustibility as one gallon of gasoline.
- 8. Consider going to a target range for safety.
- 9. Make sure you are not shooting in a congested area. For more information go to http://www.washoesheriff.com/sub.php?page=congested-area-ordinances.

By taking these few precautions, you can greatly reduce the risk of starting a fire. If a wildfire does occur, call 9-1-1 immediately and remain safely nearby to guide firefighters to the fire.

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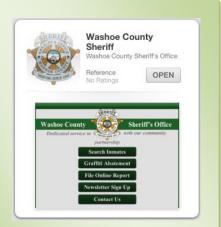
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Dedicated Service in Partnership with our Community



Washoe County Residents can now report graffiti from their iPhones or iPads by installing the new WCSO app available for free from the Apple Store.

Sheriff's Inmate Work Program Aids Reno, Washoe County with Graffiti Abatement



The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Inmate Work Program saved the County, and City of Reno, nearly \$140,000 in graffiti abatement costs during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2013.

According to the Sheriff's Office Inmate Work Program, crews were requested to abate over 26,000 "pieces" of graffiti at 883 sites during Fiscal Year 2012/2013. Of those sites, 577 were in the City of Reno and 306 in Washoe County.

Work Program crews also cleaned graffiti at an additional 876 sites identified by the Program Leader during the course of their day. Estimated total savings for the County and City of Reno for the 12/13 fiscal year was \$138,393.

"The Sheriff's Office will continue to support efforts that rid our community of graffiti," Washoe County Undersheriff Tim Kuzanek said. "Deploying our Inmate Work Crews support this effort to eradicate graffiti, its negative impact and the eyesore it creates."

Inmate Work Crews work on graffiti abatement five days a week. Crews are made up of offenders sentenced to the Washoe County Detention Facility. Inmates assigned to work detail are low level offenders, who meet strict eligibility requirements. Every inmate's record is reviewed for eligibility, limitations, classification level, criminal history, and previous jail disciplinary action. This program is supervised by a trained Program Leader and inmates can be identified by their striped uniforms worn while working outside the Detention Facility.