



2025 | STATE OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A MESSAGE FROM Sheriff Darin Balaam

2019-Present

Welcome to the 2025 State of the Sheriff's Office.

It is my honor to present this annual report and reflect on a year marked by meaningful progress, strong collaboration, and an unwavering commitment to enhancing public safety across Washoe County.

Over the past year, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office has continued to adapt to the evolving needs of our community. We have strengthened operational capabilities, expanded forward-looking initiatives, and reinforced critical partnerships at the local and regional levels. From the advancement of real-time technologies to increased investment in employee wellness and community engagement, our efforts remain centered on delivering professional, responsive, and effective public safety services.

As we look ahead, our focus remains clear and deliberate. We will continue to enhance public safety through strategic investments in technology that improve situational awareness, response times, and transparency. We are committed to expanding job readiness and reentry programs that support long-term community stability and reduce recidivism. Addressing staffing needs will remain a priority to ensure we are appropriately resourced to meet service demands. In parallel, we will further strengthen mental health resources for both our personnel and the community, recognizing their critical role in overall public safety outcomes. Equally important, we will continue to deepen our engagement with the community – building partnerships, increasing communication, and ensuring our approaches reflect the priorities and expectations of those we serve.



None of this work would be possible without the dedicated members of this Office. To our sworn personnel, professional staff, volunteers, and their families, I extend my sincere gratitude. Your professionalism, resilience, and integrity are the foundation of our organization's success. I am proud of your continued service to our community and it's an honor to serve alongside you.

To the residents of Washoe County, thank you for your trust and partnership. Public safety is a shared responsibility, and through continued collaboration, we are building a safer and more resilient community. We remain steadfast in our commitment to transparency, innovation, and service excellence.

I encourage you to review this report to learn more about the work being carried out across our agency. It is my greatest honor to serve as your Sheriff.

Stay Safe,



Sheriff Darin Balaam



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Commitment to Community

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is Northern Nevada's only full-service law enforcement agency, delivering comprehensive public safety services including patrol operations, investigations, detention services, court security and bailiff duties, civil process service, search and rescue, dispatch and specialized teams.

OUR VISION

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office strives to ensure public safety by building trust and creating partnerships within the diverse communities in which we serve. We will promote the dignity of all people supported by our words and actions through open communication while fostering an environment of professionalism, integrity and mutual respect.

OUR MISSION

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to preserving a safe and secure community with professionalism, respect, integrity and the highest commitment to equality.

CORE VALUES

- Professionalism
- Respect
- Integrity
- Dedication
- Equality



COMMAND STAFF



DARIN BALAAM
Sheriff



COREY SOLFERINO
Undersheriff



SANDRA BARBOZA
Chief Deputy
Administration
Bureau



RYAN JOHNSTON
Chief Deputy
Detention
Bureau



JASON WALKER
Chief Deputy
Operations
Bureau

As of December 31, 2025

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FINANCIALS

	FY24 Adopted	FY25 Adopted	FY26 Adopted
Total Budget Authority	152,830,151.55	156,074,052.13	177,315,257.54
Detention Bureau	79,107,281.36	80,589,584.86	92,541,597.03
Salaries	38,997,447.61	39,539,036.11	42,491,282.90
Benefits	25,977,534.42	26,085,324.36	30,390,289.52
Services & Supplies	14,132,299.33	14,965,224.39	19,660,024.61
Capital	0.00	0.00	0.00
Operations Bureau	43,406,669.21	44,219,101.55	50,061,208.43
Salaries	22,536,461.13	22,787,358.66	25,300,224.26
Benefits	15,377,130.41	15,450,010.73	18,733,393.00
Services and Supplies	5,202,927.67	5,691,582.16	6,027,591.17
Capital	290,150.00	290,150.00	0.00
Administrative Bureau	30,316,200.98	31,265,365.72	34,712,452.08
Salaries	16,517,759.15	17,110,597.99	18,030,827.60
Benefits	10,215,026.16	10,386,432.35	11,449,820.47
Services and Supplies	3,583,415.67	3,768,335.38	5,199,284.01
Capital	0.00	0.00	32,520.00
WCSO Total Salaries	78,051,667.89	79,436,992.76	85,822,334.76
WCSO Total Benefits	51,569,690.99	51,921,767.44	60,573,502.99
WCSO Total Services & Supplies	22,918,642.67	24,425,141.93	30,886,899.79
WCSO Total Capital	290,150.00	290,150.00	32,520.00

FINANCIALS

Washoe County adopts an annual budget for the fiscal year (FY) period of July 1st through June 30th per the Local Government Budget and Finance Act, Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 354.470-354.626

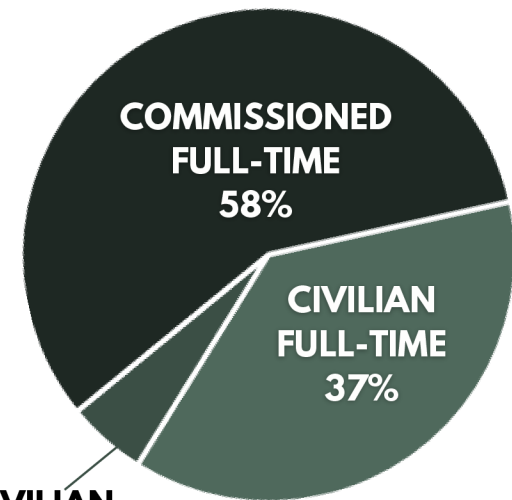
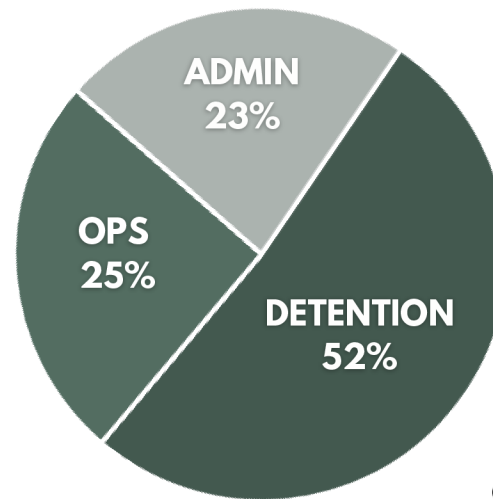
GRANTS

	FY24	FY25	FY26
Total Grants	12,769,604.62	3,514,847.00	15,895,201.14
Administration	840,325.00	127,300.00	87,636.00
Operations	5,157,860.62	526,300.00	5,750,610.14
Detention	6,771,119.00	2,861,247.00	10,056,955.00



PERSONNEL POSITIONS

	Administrative Bureau	Detention Bureau	Operations Bureau	Total
Commissioned Positions (Full-Time)	23	288	197	508
Supervisors	9	32	42	83
Deputies	14	256	155	425
Civilian Positions (Full-Time)	150	159	21	330
Supervisors	31	15	1	47
Members	119	144	20	283
Intermittent Positions	30	10	6	46
Total Allocated Positions	203	457	224	884



CIVILIAN PART-TIME 4%

PERSONNEL DEMOGRAPHICS

AGENCY

	Commissioned	Civilian	Agency
Total Members	520	342	862
Female	11%	28%	38%
Male	50%	12%	62%
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%	<1%	1%
Asian	2%	2%	4%
Black/African American	1%	1%	2%
Hispanic or Latino	8%	4%	12%
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	1%
White	46%	31%	77%
Two or More	1%	1%	2%
Not Reported	1%	1%	2%
Under 30	13%	7%	21%
30-39	23%	11%	34%
40-49	16%	8%	24%
50+	8%	13%	21%



PERSONNEL DEMOGRAPHICS

	Commissioned	Civilian	Agency
RETIREMENTS	19	11	30
SEPARATIONS	16	20	36

INTERMITTENTS

New Hires	10
Separations	8

APPLICATIONS

WCSO-Specific Positions	1728
Washoe County-wide positions that may be located at the WCSO.	947

The figures presented reflect all individuals employed by the WCSO during calendar year 2025. Totals may include positions that experienced retirements or separations, as well as any subsequent replacements hired within the same reporting period.

Deputy Sheriff Recruits are initially hired into civilian positions. Upon successful completion of the Northern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy, they are promoted to commissioned status as Deputy Sheriffs.

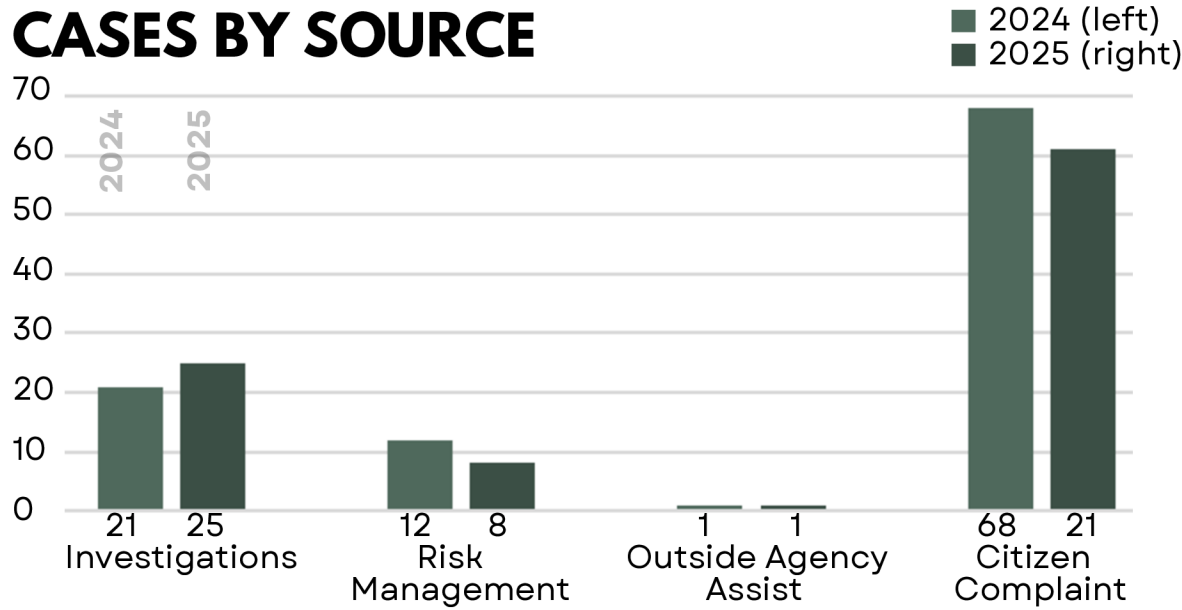


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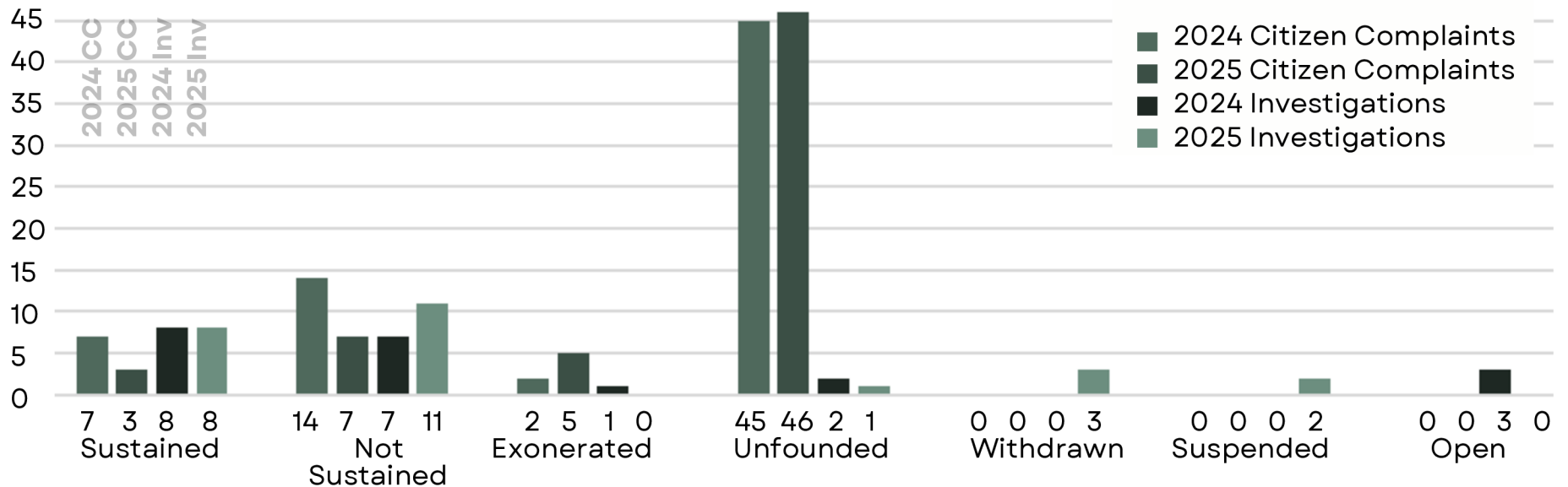


OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY

CASES BY SOURCE



RESULTS BY SOURCE



OFFICE OF PROFESSIONAL INTEGRITY

USE OF FORCE

	2024	2025
Total Incidents	120	125
Administration	2%	1%
Detention	63%	66%
Operations	36%	33%
Total Subjects	151	140
American Indian/Alaska Native	3%	1%
Asian	2%	1%
Black/African American	11%	16%
Hispanic/ Latino	21%	18%
Indian	1%	1%
White	51%	57%
Not Reported	11%	6%
Total Type	120	125
Baton	1%	1%
Guiding/Holding/Handcuffing	39%	37%
K-9	1%	1%
Less Lethal	3%	5%
Oleoresin Capsicum	3%	6%
Physical Force	24%	51%
Taser	29%	15%



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**REPORTS OF
 FAVORABLE &
 UNFAVORABLE
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THE BUREAUS

ADMINISTRATION

Background Investigations
Community Engagement
Criminal Information Center
Civil Section
Dispatch & Communications Center
Field Services

Fleet Services
Forensic Science Division
Records & Permits
Regional Public Safety Training Center
Research & Development
Training & Compliance

DETENTION

Alternative Sentencing Programs
Booking and Central Control
Commissary Services for Inmates
Court Security & Bailiff Services
Detention Facility Administration
Detention Facility Operations

Detention Facility Services
Detention Services Unit
Inmate Programs
Inmate Transportation
Inmate Food Services
Inmate Property & Laundry Services

OPERATIONS

Consolidated Bomb Squad
Consolidated Extraditions Unit
Detectives & Investigations Unit
High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas & K9 Unit
High-Speed Aerial Watch & Knowledge Drone Unit
Hostage Negotiations Team
Human Exploitation & Recovery Operations Unit
Internet Crimes Against Children Unit

Northern Nevada Drug Task Force
Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center
Patrol Services
Regional Aviation Enforcement
Regional Gang Unit
Search & Rescue
Sex Offender Notification Unit
Special Weapons & Tactics Team

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

	2024	2025
CCW Applications Processed	3286	2827
Convicted Persons/Sex Offender Registrations Processed	320	508
Requests for Information	5417	4676
Evictions Received	9819	9030
Protection Orders Received	2266	2262
Field Service Reports	346	357
Field Service Requests for Abandoned Vehicles	633	671
Online Reports	1002	1104
Desk Reports	432	314



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PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Effective public communication is essential to building trust, promoting transparency, and keeping the community informed on public safety matters. The Communications Team serves as the primary link between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the public, managing media relations, digital platforms, and strategic messaging to share timely, accurate information and highlight the work of the Office.

	2024	2025
Press Releases & Media Advisories	95	162
Produced Videos	122	65
App Downloads	+1,000+	+1,000+



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office shares the responsibility of keeping Washoe County safe through strong partnerships with public safety agencies and community stakeholders, linking prevention and enforcement efforts. Through a collaborative, community-oriented approach, the Community Engagement Office maintains a consistent presence across the region, building trust, and mobilizing resources to support public safety.

In 2025, the team prioritized refining flagship events including Christmas in July Backpack Giveaway and Shop with the Sheriff, and strengthening the overall impact of community interactions. In partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno, the team also executed a Community Survey to better understand public perception and inform future strategies. Internally, the team expanded employee engagement initiatives and formalized an internship program to support future workforce development.

	2025
WCSO Hosted Events	27
Community Appearances	114
Internal Events	13
Blood Drives	4
Book Drives	2
Clothing Drives	2
Food Drives	4



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

CHRISTMAS IN JULY BACKPACK GIVEAWAY

In partnership with the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association and with the support of numerous community partners, the WCSO provided 1,500 Northern Nevada students with backpacks, school supplies, hygiene items, lunch, and toys at the annual Christmas in July event. Students from pre-K through high school enjoyed playing games, meeting deputies, and exploring WCSO equipment at this free community event.

	2025
Students & Families Served	1,500
Volunteers	144
Community Partners	75+

SHOP WITH THE SHERIFF

The WCSO, in partnership with the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association, has supported local families through the Annual "Shop with the Sheriff" event for over 21 years. The holiday celebration pairs local students with WCSO and community volunteers for a once-in-a-lifetime shopping spree at a local Walmart, where the children purchased items for themselves and family members.

	2025
Students & Families Served	265
Students & Families Referred	771
Student Referral Partners	70
Volunteers	386



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY PICNICS

Sun Valley

In partnership with the Sun Valley General Improvement District, WCSO showcased its specialized teams and equipment, offering community members a unique, hands-on opportunity to engage with the tools and experts dedicated to their safety.

Incline Village/Crystal Bay

In collaboration with the Incline Village General Improvement District, WCSO presented various teams and equipment, giving community members an interactive opportunity to connect with the experts and resources dedicated to their safety.

WCSO LINE-OF-DUTY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

During Law Enforcement Memorial Month, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office hosts an annual Remembrance Ceremony to honor the seven WCSO members lost in the line-of-duty. Agency members, family and friends of those lost, and community leaders gather to reflect on the ultimate sacrifice they made.

- Deputy Harry Swaney EOW 08/12/1935
- Deputy Earl Griffith EOW 04/30/1947
- Special Deputy Nancy Hawkins EOW 12/09/1984
- Deputy Glenn Barnes EOW 03/19/1991
- Deputy Frank Minnie EOW 06/01/1997
- Deputy John Wiberg EOW 05/11/2004
- Deputy Jarett W. Oroszi EOW 02/17/2022

DETENTION SERVICES UNIT COMMUNITY RESOURCE FAIR

Annually, the WCSO's Detention Services Unit hosts an annual Community Resource Fair, bringing essential services and resources to the residents of Washoe County.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

GUNS & HOSES GOLF TOURNAMENT

In partnership with the Truckee Meadows Firefighters Association 4287, the WCSO hosted the 13th Annual Guns and Hoses Golf Tournament bringing together local first responders and raising a record donation of \$38,834 for the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation.



POLAR PLUNGE FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Members of the WCSO gathered with community groups and fellow first responders to enjoy an unseasonable dip in Lake Tahoe while raising funds to benefit the Special Olympics of Nevada (SONV). In 2025, the WCSO team raised over \$12,000 for charity.



CHARITY SOFTBALL GAME

The WCSO partnered with the University of Nevada, Reno Football and regional law enforcement agencies to host the 2nd Annual Charity Softball Game, raising funds and awareness for Northern Nevada Concerns of Police Survivors.



NO SHAVE CAMPAIGN

Annually, WCSO staff enjoy relaxed grooming standards to raise funds for various causes during the months of October - January. In 2025, the WCSO raised over \$10,000 for the following recipients: Pinocchio's Mom's on the Run, Renown Men's Health Center, Res-Que, and Alzheimer's Association, Northern Nevada Chapter.



OPERATION GIFT-A-VET HOLIDAY ANGEL TREE

Each December, WCSO members adopt residents of the Northern Nevada State Veterans Home, fulfilling their holiday wishes from an angel tree. Wrapped gifts were provided for the Home's 98 residents during their holiday parties.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (CERT)

The Citizen Corps Program (CCP) and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) is a volunteer force consisting of citizen volunteers trained in disaster preparedness, light search and rescue, disaster medical, fire safety, and many other aspects of preparation and response. CCP/CERT has six current active teams: South Washoe, Incline Village, Mavericks, Sparks, Citizen’s Homeland Security Council, and Rail Auxiliary Team.

	2025
Volunteers	285
Volunteer Hours	23,152.50
Taxpayer Savings	\$1,620,675.00
CERT Academy Graduates	77
Trainings	83
Airport Cast Missions	48
Emergency Activations	4
Community Events	142



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OUTREACH DEPUTIES

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Elementary School Outreach Deputy Program connects deputies with local schools to build relationships between law enforcement and youth. Outreach Deputies commit 12 hours per month to their assigned school, assisting with safety messaging, homework, reading, community events, presentations, and school activities.

HONOR GUARD

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard, composed of deputies from all divisions, provides funeral honors for fallen and retired public servants. They also present colors and attend ceremonial functions at local, regional, and national first responders events.

	2025
Members	14
Colors Presentations	15
Memorial Events	11
Funerals	12
Special Events	3
Escorts/Processions	4



DISPATCH & COMMUNICATIONS

The WCSO Dispatch and Communications Center operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week as the critical link between the community and public safety responders. Communications professionals manage both emergency and non-emergency service systems, utilizing advanced technology to receive, prioritize, route, and dispatch calls for service. The Center supports personnel across WCSO operations (including patrol, detention, and court services). In addition, dispatchers provide primary communications for Gerlach Royal Ambulance, the Gerlach Volunteer Fire Department, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Police, Pyramid Lake Fire and Rescue, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony Police, and the Alternative Sentencing Unit (formerly Washoe County Department of Alternative Sentencing), while also providing overflow coverage for REMSA Dispatch. Through precision, professionalism, and coordination, the Center ensures timely response and seamless interagency collaboration throughout our region.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

2024	2025
273,260	276,932



Including:	2025
Text to 911	165
TTY (Teletypewriter)	373
Carbyne Calls (Calls with Location, Video and/or Chat)	28,437
Medical Calls	630
Fire Calls	246

AVERAGE CALL DURATION

114.81 Seconds

BUSIEST DAY OF 2025

August 3, 2025 with 1009 Calls

MOST INITIATED CALL TYPES

Deputy	Caller
Traffic Stop	Medical Emergency
Area Check	911 Cell Phone
Assignment	Phone Message

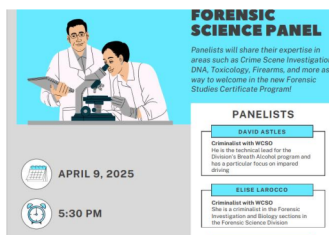


FORENSIC SCIENCE

The WCSO Forensic Science Division (FSD) delivers comprehensive forensic services to local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies across 13 of Nevada's 17 counties. As a full service forensic laboratory, FSD provides scientific analysis and investigative support in Biology (DNA), Breath Alcohol, Controlled Substances, Crime Scene Investigation, Firearms Examination, Latent Print Processing and Comparison, and Toxicology. Additionally, FSD's Evidence Section securely manages all property and evidence for the WCSO, as well as evidence submitted by partner agencies served by the laboratory.

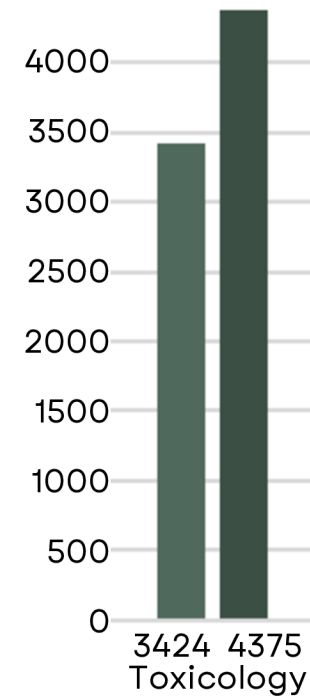
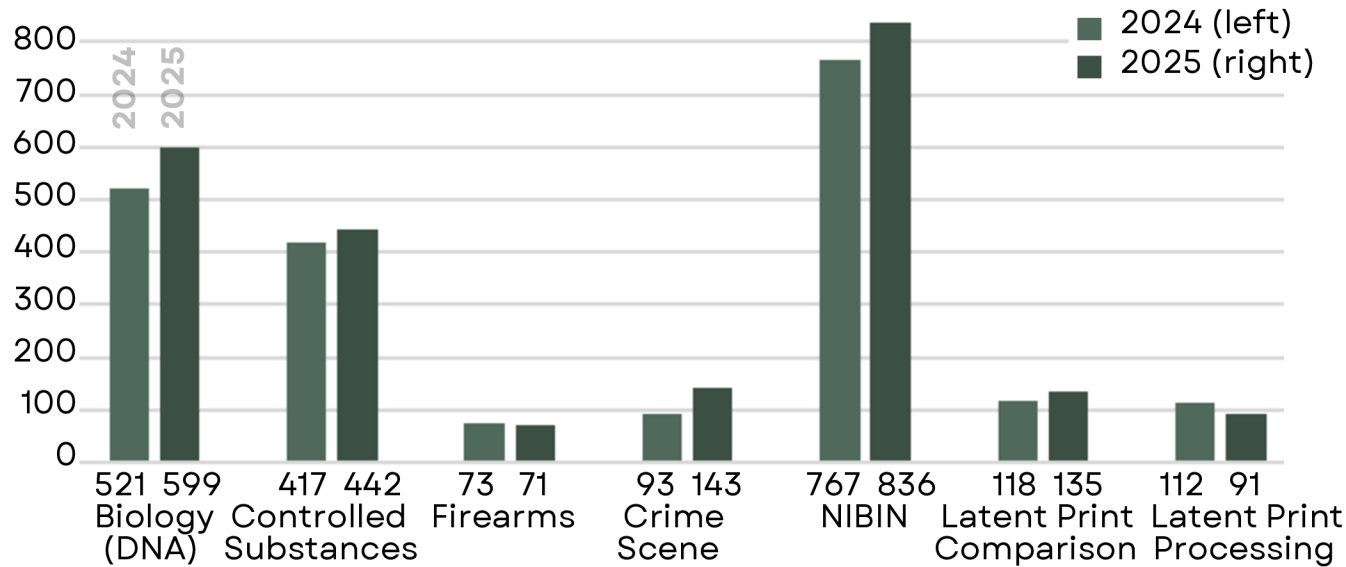
In 2025, FSD focused on expanding casework capacity, advancing analyst training, and strengthening policies, procedures, and instrumentation.

- Seventeen training modules were completed, with thirteen more in progress, allowing analysts to perform additional casework functions. Several sections also streamlined process to improve efficiency in evidence collection and analysis.
- FSD was awarded two grants totaling more than \$500,000, funding a new toxicology instrument to enhance drug analysis and a comparison microscope to support Firearms casework. Three additional grant applications submitted in 2025 to fund service contracts, overtime, DNA and latent print outsourcing, firearms training, and supplies used for the analysis of Opioid-related cases remain pending.
- FSD continued its partnership with the University of Nevada, Reno to expand Forensic Science coursework into a comprehensive Forensic Studies Certification Program, launched in the fall of 2025 and the only program of its kind in Nevada. In addition, over \$50,000 of outdated instrumentation and equipment was donated to the University to help further develop the Forensic Studies program.



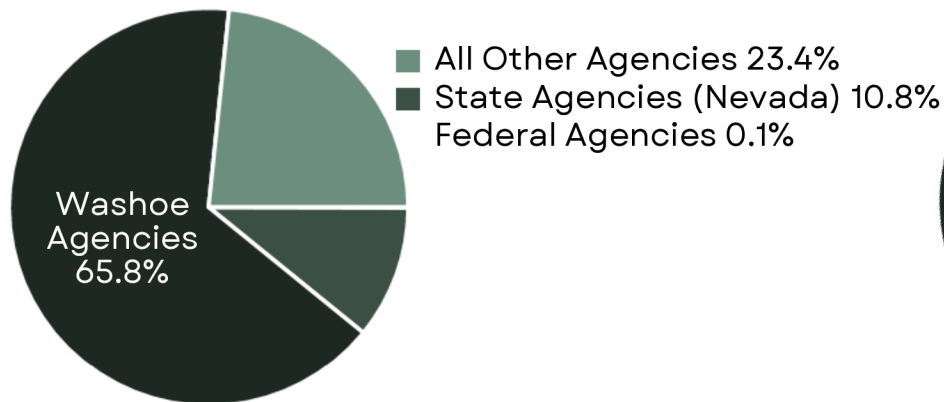
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ASSIGNMENTS COMPLETED PER SECTION

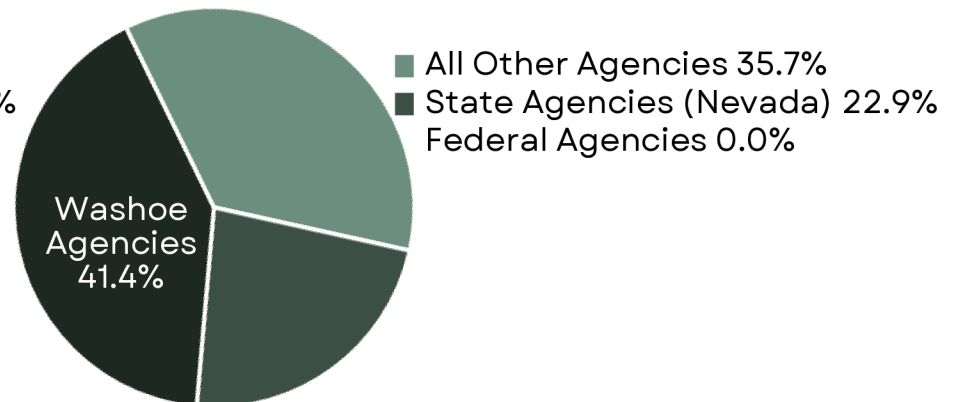


LAB CASES CREATED BY JURISDICTION TYPE

Excluding Toxicology Cases



Toxicology Cases



FORENSIC SCIENCE

CASE RATIO BY COUNTY

	Non-Toxicology		Toxicology	
	2024	2025	2024	2025
California counties	0.2%	0.1%	0%	0%
Carson	3.3%	5.0%	6.6%	5.1%
Churchill	2.2%	2.5%	2.9%	1.6%
Clark	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.3%
Douglas	2.0%	4.0%	6.3%	5.4%
Elko	3.2%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%
Eureka	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%
Federal Agency	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Humboldt	2.3%	0.9%	3.5%	2.4%
Lander	0.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.2%
Lyon	2.2%	2.6%	4.2%	4.3%
Mineral	0.3%	0.8%	1.6%	1.4%
Nevada State Agency	6.8%	10.8%	23.8%	22.9%
Other Nevada Counties	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Pershing	0.6%	0.5%	0.9%	0.1%
Storey	1.7%	2.8%	1.2%	1.5%
Washoe	73.1%	65.8%	45.3%	41.4%
White Pine	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%	0.6%

The figures presented may reflect multiple agencies within the designated jurisdiction or county.

FSD started testing Toxicology cases for an agency within Clark County in September 2025.

BREATH ALCOHOL

2025

Instrument
Calibrations
Completed

129

Officers Trained

440

NATIONAL INTEGRATED BALLISTIC INFORMATION NETWORK (NIBIN)

2024 2025

Items Entered into
NIBIN Database

922 1095



NIBIN Leads
Generated

116 131



FORENSIC SCIENCE

BIOLOGY (DNA)

	2024	2025	
Sexual Assault Assignments Received	271	223	↓
Sexual Assault Assignments Completed	210	333	↑
Sexual Assault Average Turnaround Time (Time to Complete Assignments in Days)	232	232	
Homicide Assignments Received	63	67	↑
Homicide Assignments Completed	59	73	↑
Homicide Average Turnaround Time (Time to Complete Assignments in Days)	133	123	↓
Total Number of Assignments Completed	521	599	↑
All Assignments Turnaround Time (Time to Complete Assignments in Days)	203	216	↑
Total Items of Evidence Examined (Items Screened)	1708	1605	↓
Total Number of DNA Samples Processed (Samples Interpreted)	2060	2219	↑

SOURCE OF NEW SAMPLES ENTERED INTO COMBINED DNA INDEX SYSTEM (CODIS)

202 Samples from Convicted Offenders
 2967 Samples from Arrestees Booked into the Washoe County Detention Facility

GENERATED SUSPECT LEADS FROM DNA SAMPLES ENTERED INTO CODIS

138 Leads

COMBINED DNA INDEX SYSTEM (CODIS)

Top Offenses for Arrestees with CODIS Lead Generated

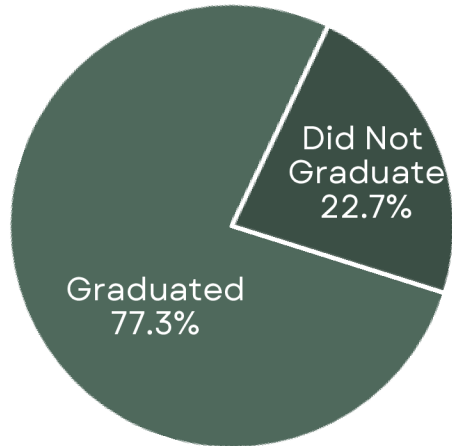
- Possession of a Controlled Substance
- Battery
- Auto Theft
- Child Abuse
- Fugitive from Justice

Case Type with CODIS Lead Generated from FSD-Submitted DNA Sample

Auto Theft	9
Attempted Murder	1
Battery	2
Burglary	37
Death Investigation	1
Homicide	2
Larceny	1
Reckless Endangerment	1
Robbery	5
Sexual Assault	77
Unknown	2

TRAINING & COMPLIANCE

NORTHERN NEVADA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY (NNLEA) COMPLETION



NNLEA Deputies Graduated

2024	2025
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38	34
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Detention Training Program Complete

21	29
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Patrol Training Program Completed

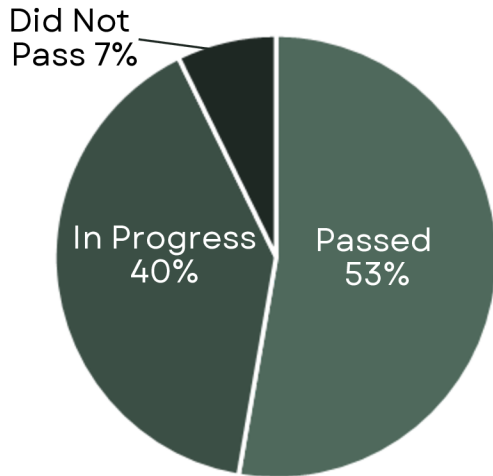
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Communication Specialist Training Program Completed

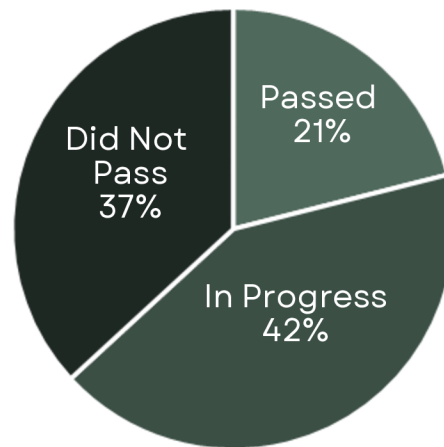
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In 2025, Patrol introduced a new Solo Evaluation Phase to better support deputies' transition to independent patrol assignments and work towards increased retention.

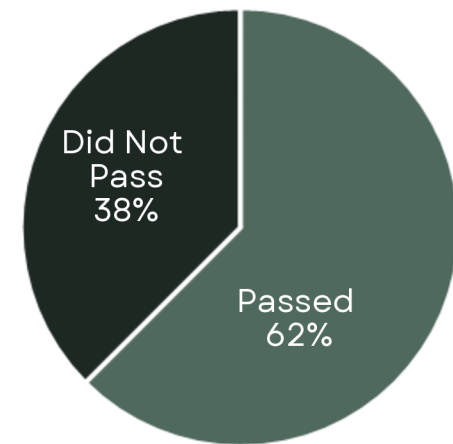
DETENTION TRAINING PROGRAM COMPLETION



PATROL TRAINING PROGRAM COMPLETION



COMMUNICATIONS TRAINING PROGRAM COMPLETION





Lieutenant Davis graduated from the 154th Administrative Officers Course at the Southern Police Institute in Louisville, KY.

Chief Deputy Johnston completed the FBI National Academy - Session 296 in Quantico, VA.

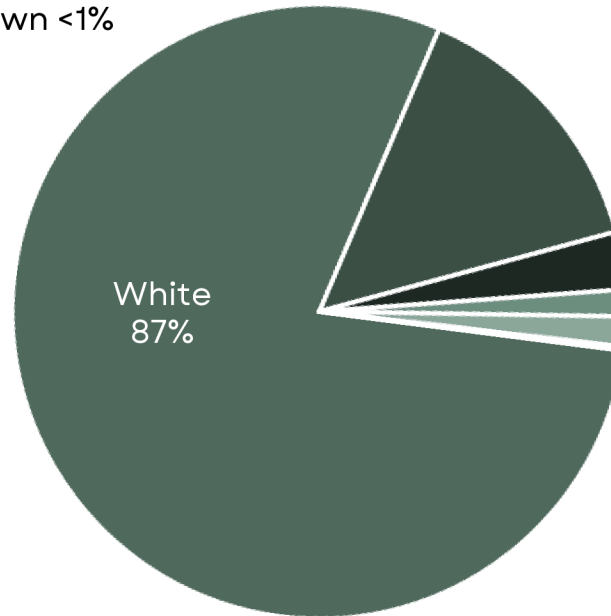
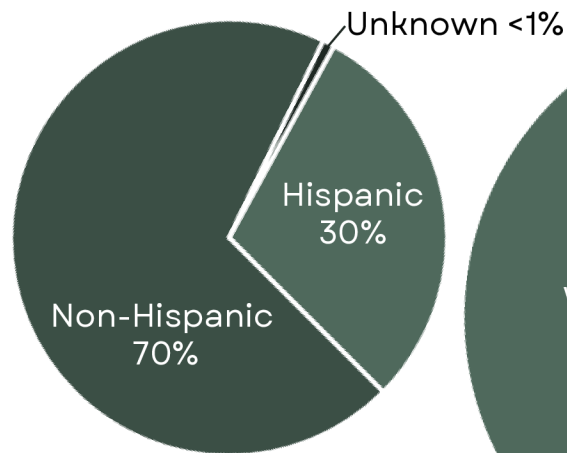
DETENTION INMATE POPULATION



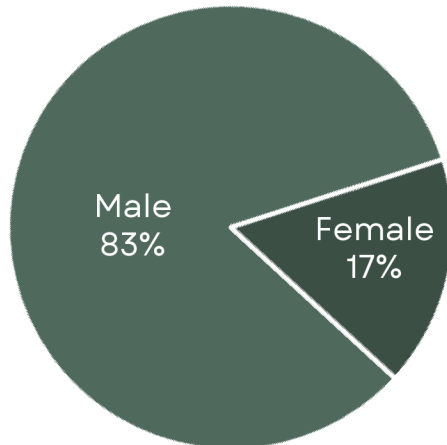
AVERAGE DAILY POPULATION
1161

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)
16.3

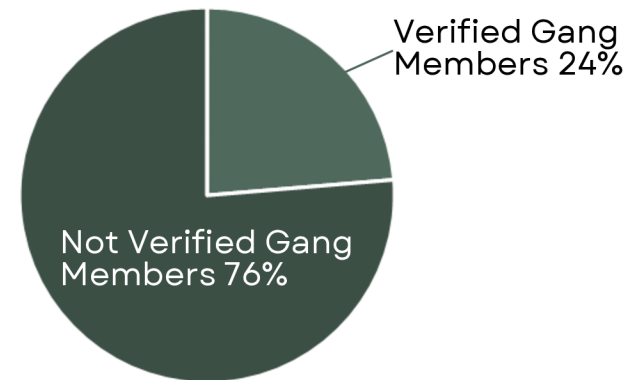
AVERAGE POPULATION DEMOGRAPHICS



- African American 16%
- American Indian/Native Alaskan 3%
- Asian 2%
- Unknown 2%
- Hispanic <1%
- Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <1%
- East Indian <1%



AVERAGE VERIFIED GANG MEMBER POPULATION

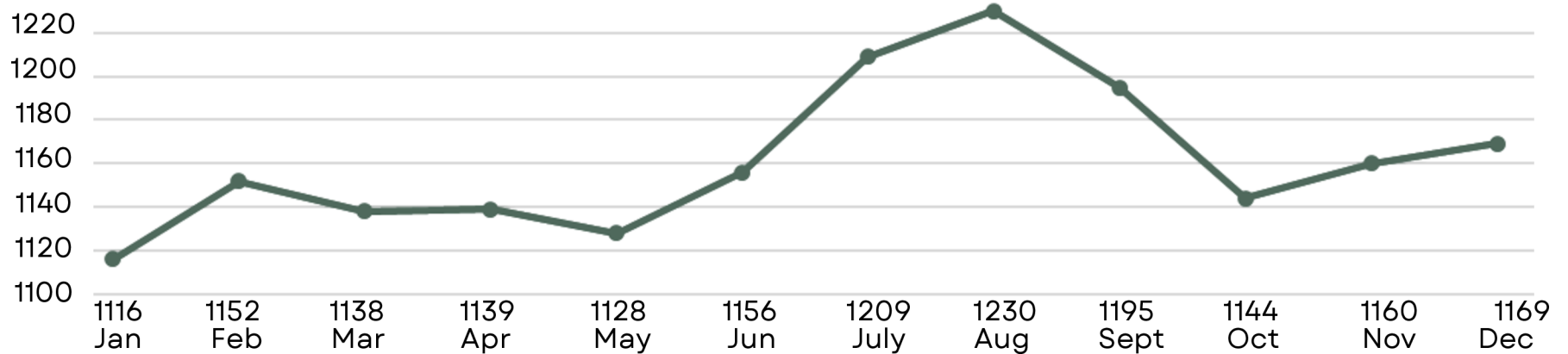


DETENTION

TOTAL INMATES BOOKED
15,100

TOTAL INMATES RELEASED
14,832

AVERAGE DETENTION CENTER POPULATION

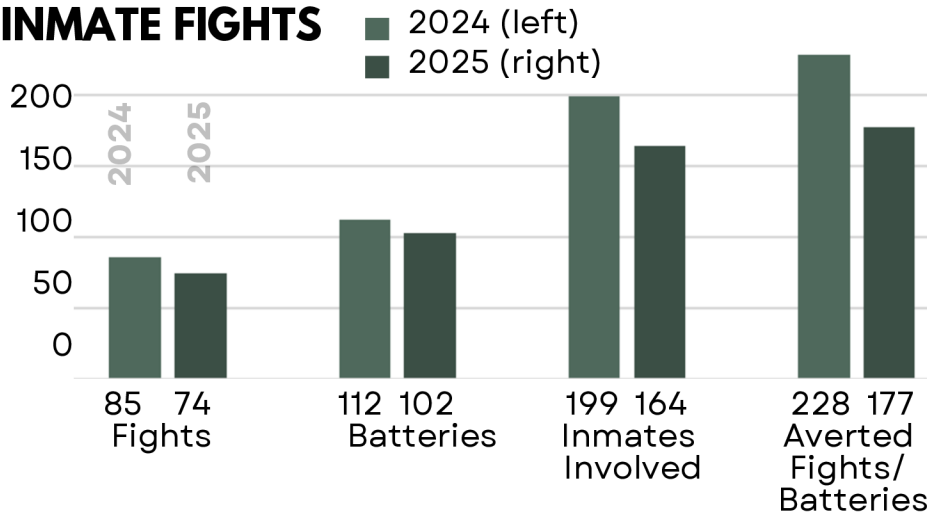


	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Total Average Daily Population	1116	1152	1138	1139	1128	1156	1209	1230	1195	1144	1160	1169
Total Bookings	1269	1124	1214	1201	1220	1294	1426	1341	1205	1327	1192	1287
Total Releases	1173	1090	1199	1194	1227	1231	1368	1297	1267	1299	1163	1324

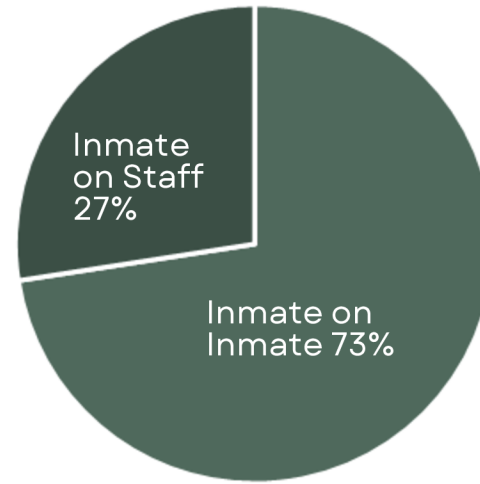


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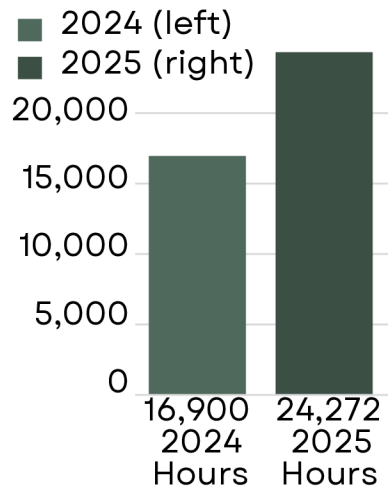
INMATE FIGHTS



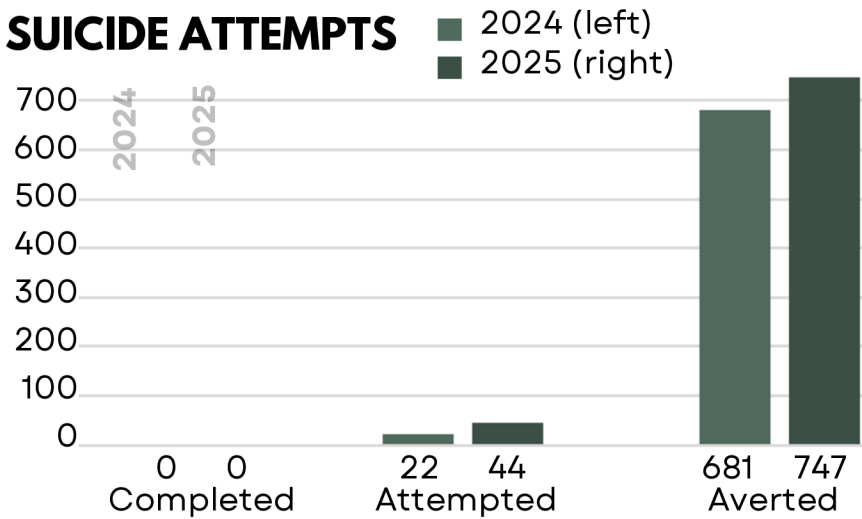
BATTERIES BY INMATE



INMATE MEDICAL SUPERVISION HOURS



SUICIDE ATTEMPTS



IN-CUSTODY DEATHS

1

DETENTION

COURT TRANSPORT

The Court Transport Unit ensures the safe and secure transport of Washoe County Detention Facility inmates to in-person court appearances at all regional courthouses and medical appointments while also staffing video court operations and escorting Public Defenders assigned to gather prerequisite information for each defendant needing assistance in the preliminary stages of their court proceedings.

	2025
Average Monthly Court Transports	873
Average Monthly Video Court Appearances	1,588
Average Monthly Court Appearances via Zoom	68

TRANSPORTS

	2024	2025	
Court	11,363	11,179	↓
Medical	356	356	
Hospital	803	861	↑

DISTRICT COURT

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office provides bailiff services for all sessions of the Second Judicial District Court, ensuring the safety and security of judges, staff, court participants, and the courthouse complex. The team also responds to calls for service in and around the courthouse.

TOTAL ARRESTS

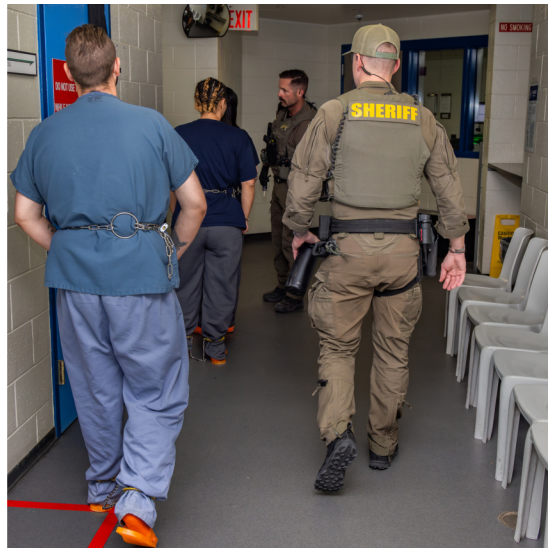
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TOTAL CASES

85

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DETENTION

DETENTION SERVICES UNIT

The Detention Services Unit (DSU) builds and maintains partnerships with community providers to strengthen release planning, enhance access to support services, and reduce recidivism through supporting successful reintegration back into the community.

In the fourth quarter of 2025, the Detention Services Unit began coordinating the issuance of SNAP EBT Cards to eligible individuals upon release or transport from the Washoe County Detention Facility, promoting continuity of care and services to support successful reentry through reduced food insecurity.



DSU Requests

Inmates Served through Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MAT)

Average Inmate Population Receiving Mental Health Medication

Inmates Transported to Alternative Programs to Incarceration

Inmates Approved for Medicaid

Inmates Approved for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

SNAP EBT Cards Issued On-Site

Narcan Kits Provided to Released Inmates

2024 2025

4,188 5,184

793 368

51% 60%

616 524

310 361

248 285

- 35

197 259

Northern Nevada Rx Drug Take Back

FOLLOW THE 3 D'S: DONT DUMP DISPOSE

About Rx Drug Take Back
Proper disposal of medications protects teens, children, pets & the environment. Visit a participating location to properly dispose of unused or expired prescription medications, prescription liquids, pet medications, and over-the-counter pills.

No sharps or inhalers accepted. Please dispose of these items at the appropriate disposal locations listed below.

📅 Saturday, October 25th, 2025
🕒 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
📞 Call JTNN at 775.324.7557

Sharp Disposal Locations
Northern Nevada HOPES on 5th Street, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, & Northern Nevada Public Health

Reno Locations
Smith's 1775 Lemmon Drive
Smith's 750 S. Meadows Pkwy
Raley's 1630 Robb Drive
Raley's 18144 Wedge Pkwy
Elks Lodge 597 Kumbia Ln

Sparks Locations
Baldin's Casino & Sparks Elks
RIS 5 Rock Blvd
Smith's 1255 Baring Blvd
Bethel AME Church 2655 N. Rock Blvd

Spanish Springs Location
RSIC Smoke Shop
7655 Pyramid Hwy

Cold Springs Location
Cold Springs Community Center
1255 White Lake Pkwy

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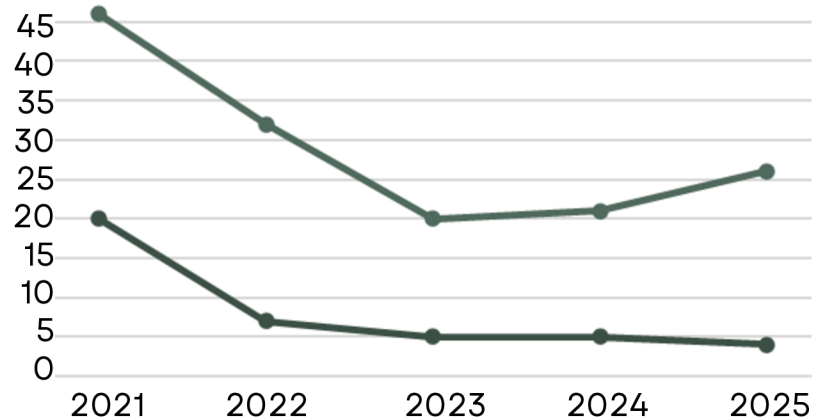


DETENTION

OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM (OTP) AND THE MEDICATION ASSISTED TREATMENT (MAT) PROGRAM

The WCSO became a licensed and certified Opioid Treatment Program (OTP) AND Medication Assisted Treatment Program (MAT) in Fall of 2019. The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) outlines that a Level 1 - OTP offers FDA-approved medications in addition to behavioral therapy for treatment of Opioid Use Disorder and Alcohol Use Disorder. Washoe is currently the only county in Nevada that is a licensed and certified OTP site and the only site that offers MAT as federally outlined with all three FDA medications and individual counseling services.

WCSO-INDUCED TREATMENT



- Total Participants Inducted/Continued (top)
- Participants Recidivated within one (1) Year (bottom)

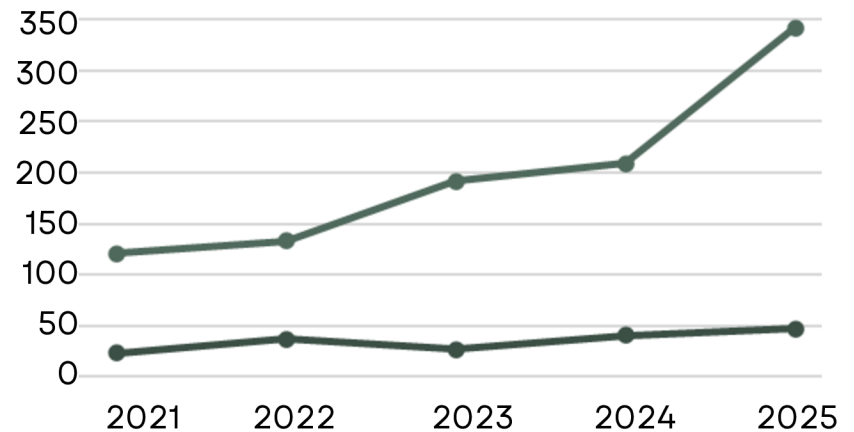
WCSO-Inducted Participants

WCSO- Inducted, Recidivated within one (1) Year

Community-Inducted Participants

Community-Inducted, Recidivated within one (1) Year

COMMUNITY-CONTINUED TREATMENT



	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
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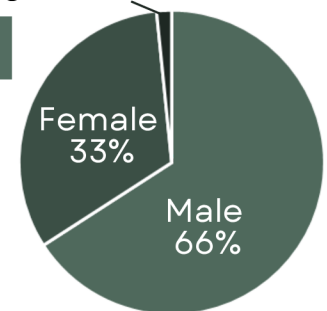
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Pregnant 2%



DETENTION

JAIL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH UNIT (JBMHU)

Launched in late 2024, the JBMHU completed its first full year of operation in 2025 with significant impact. The program reduced the average length of stay for inmates awaiting transfer to Lake's Crossing for competency treatment by 42%, while 100% of individuals returned from restoration services maintained competency.

In June 2025, Nevada Assembly Bill 467 was passed, revising state forensic mental health laws to allow competency restoration treatment within county jails. This legislation enabled the expansion of the program to include full competency restoration, reducing the demand for space in State facilities.

Program participants demonstrated meaningful clinical progress. Nearly all showed improvements in daily functioning including sleep, hygiene, eating, social engagement, and treatment involvement with overall treatment engagement increasing from 67% prior to JBMHU involvement to 80% after enrollment.



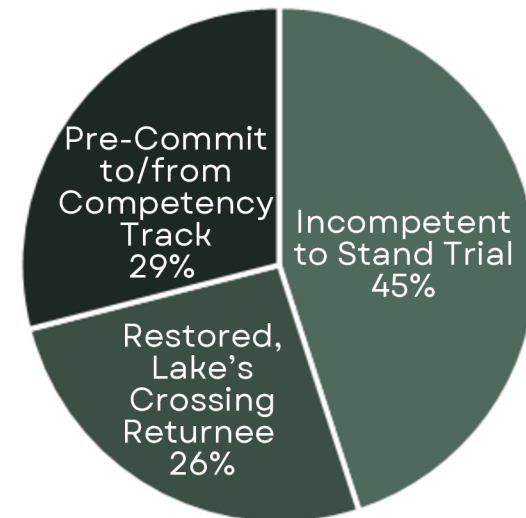
TOTAL JBMHU PARTICIPANTS

167

AVERAGE LENGTH OF STAY (DAYS)

64

REFERRED POPULATION



DETENTION

“THE BRIDGE” INMATE PROGRAMMING

2025*

The Bridge connects incarcerated individuals with educational, life-skills, faith-based, and community-supported services designed to promote personal growth and successful reentry. Through strong partnerships, the program builds pathways from incarceration to stability, accountability, and long-term community success.

*Figures reflect July-December only due to reporting system changes and new programming implemented at the start of FY25-26.

In-Person Programs Held	374
Inmates Attending In-Person Programs	3,353
ACCI Tablet Courses Completed	453
Inmates Graduated High School	11
Inmates Graduated “Getting Out While Getting Ahead” Program	14
Inmates Graduated ACCI Tablet Program	38
Early Release Credit Days Earned	315
Taxpayer Savings due to Early Release Earned from Program Participation	\$51,030

INMATE WORK CREW

Inmate Work Programs, supervised by trained WCSO staff, engage sentenced offenders in community service, including detention facility maintenance, graffiti abatement, park maintenance, snow removal, and community event support. These opportunities promote accountability, skill development, and community pride for participants.

**GRAFFITI
REPORTS ABATED**

507

**ILLEGAL DUMPING
REPORTS ABATED**

113



DETENTION

INMATE PROPERTY & SERVICES

The Inmate Property Team manages the intake, secure storage, and release of personal property, as well as the distribution and laundering of clothing, bedding, and hygiene items for incarcerated individuals.

To support reentry efforts, the team organizes coat and clothing drives to ensure individuals are provided weather-appropriate attire upon release. Demonstrating a commitment to sustainability and community partnership, the team also donates hundreds of damaged inmate blankets to local animal shelters annually.



DETENTION FACILITY KITCHEN & NUTRITIONAL SERVICES

The Washoe County Detention Facility Kitchen, staffed by professional chefs and inmate workers, produces 3 meals per day for up to 1,400 incarcerated individuals, including all medically and religiously prescribed diets in accordance with federal guidelines. The team takes pride in delivering safe, nutritious meals while responsibly stewarding taxpayer resources.

In addition to facility operations, the Kitchen supports the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and community partners by providing catering for events such as Christmas in July, Shop with the Sheriff, employee picnics, Health and Human Services assistance, and the Nevada Kids' Foundation.

MEALS & SNACKS SERVED ANNUALLY

1.8 Million

CRIME STATISTICS

TOTAL CASES
2,143

TOTAL ARRESTS
1,039

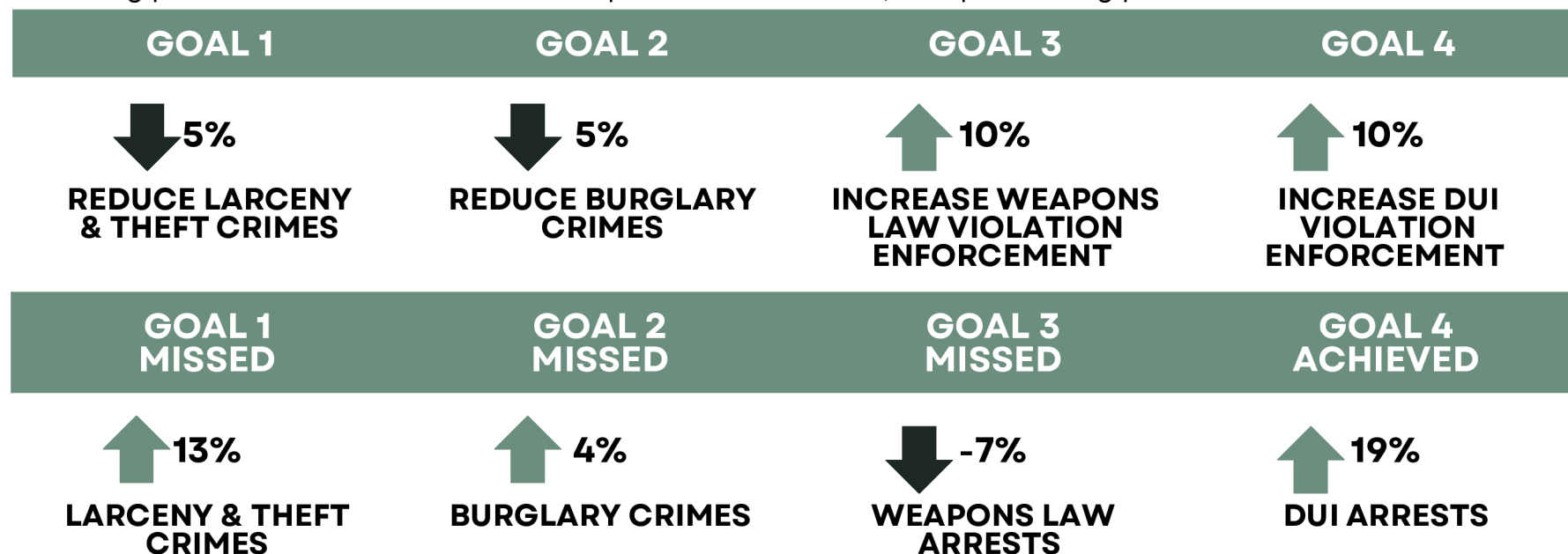
CRIME CATEGORIES	2024 CASES	2025 CASES	CASES % CHANGE		2024 ARRESTS	2025 ARRESTS	ARRESTS % CHANGE	
Aggravated Assault	235	234	0%		111	115	4%	↑
Homicide Offenses	2	8	350%	↑	1	5	400%	↑
Robbery	20	16	-20%	↓	8	10	25%	↑
Sex Assault Offenses	147	112	-24%	↓	17	19	12%	↑
Violent Crime	404	371	-8%	↓	137	149	9%	↑
All Other Larceny	341	353	4%	↑	29	32	10%	↑
Arson	21	15	-29%	↓	6	4	-33%	↓
Burglary	157	162	3%	↑	51	45	-12%	↓
Grand Theft Auto	109	97	-11%	↓	17	18	6%	↑
Vehicle Burglary	109	116	6%	↑	14	12	-14%	↓
Property Crime	737	743	1%	↑	117	111	-5%	↓
Drug Offenses	724	632	-13%	↓	478	394	-18%	↓
DUI	329	397	21%	↑	323	385	19%	↑
Substance Related Crime	1053	1,029	-2%	↓	801	779	-3%	↓
Total	2,194	2,143	-2%	↓	1,055	1,039	-2%	↓

For these crime categories only.

STRATIFIED POLICING

The WCSO uses a Stratified Policing Model to help reduce crime within the community more effectively. Significant incidents, repeat incidents, and crime patterns are managed short-term while problem offenders, problem locations, and problem areas are addressed long-term with various strategies.

In 2025, the WCSO selected four goal crimes: reducing larceny/theft crimes, reducing burglary crimes, fostering proactive enforcement for weapons law violations, and promoting proactive DUI enforcement.



Within this focus, 288 significant incidents were identified and included crimes such as commercial burglaries, possession of a dangerous weapon, and stolen firearms; 136 of those required further investigation. Additionally, 106 repeat addresses were identified for focused intervention, bringing together collaborative teams, like the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) to address and mitigate ongoing issues at high-utilization locations.

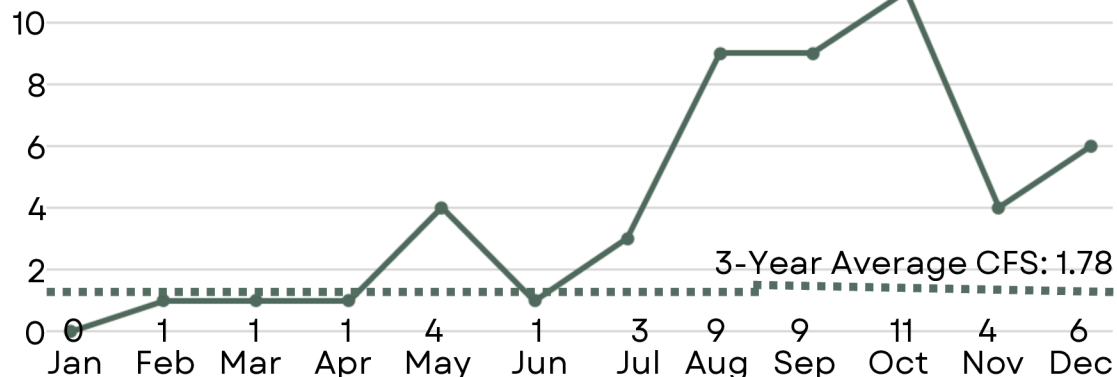
PERFORMANCE INDICATOR	2025
Total Assigned Crime Patterns	19
Total Patrol Time Related to Crime Patterns	8,630 min
Total Citizen Contacts Related to Crime Patterns	109
Total # of Known/Problem Offenders Contacted	23

STRATIFIED POLICING

Nineteen (19) crime patterns in unincorporated Washoe County were also identified for follow up and proactive mitigation to prevent additional criminal activity. In one example, deputies conducted 50 area checks in Spanish Springs and deployed a camera trailer and surveillance equipment to address a series of destruction of property incidents. These targeted efforts deterred continued damage and resulted in the arrest of one suspect. In another pattern, coordinated efforts between detectives and patrol linked a series of fraudulent credit/debit card transactions to a series of vehicle burglaries resulting in the arrest of one suspect to date.

To address long-term issues, the WCSO tracked problem locations and areas. After increased illegal shooting calls near Golden Eagle Regional Park, deputies conducted targeted enforcement, resulting in 24 warnings and citations. Deputies conducted focused DUI enforcement in high-risk areas, making 55 arrests in those designated locations.

GOLDEN EAGLE REGIONAL PARK DISPATCHED CALLS FOR SERVICE (CFS) SHOTS FIRED



In 2025, the WCSO met its goal for promoting proactive DUI enforcement by increasing DUI arrests by 19%. Although the other goals were not achieved, the percentages for those measures did not substantially change. Proactive enforcement efforts may have helped mitigate additional incidents of larceny/theft, burglary, and weapons law violations that might otherwise have occurred.

PATROL

The WCSO Patrol Division provides comprehensive law enforcement services across more than 6,700 square miles of unincorporated Washoe County. Patrol deputies serve diverse communities, ranging from the areas surrounding Reno and Sparks to Gerlach, Empire, Incline Village, Crystal Bay, the North Valleys, Spanish Springs, Sun Valley, Washoe Valley, Warm Springs, the South and West Truckee Meadows, Verdi, and rural regions of the county. The WCSO also assists our neighboring agencies upon request. The Patrol Division handles calls for service, proactive crime suppression, traffic enforcement, and emergency response. The Patrol Division is supported by specialized units, including the Traffic & Motors Unit, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE), Major Accident Investigation Team (MAIT), the Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST), and the Mounted Horse Unit (MHU). Together, these resources ensure effective, visible, and responsive policing across both urban and rural environments.

TRAFFIC & MOTOR UNIT

CITATIONS ISSUED	2024	2025		ACCIDENTS	2024	2025		DUIs	2024	2025	
Speed Related Citations	4,314	6,657	↑	Accident Reports	544	592	↑	Arrests	323	389	↑
Driving Related Citations (License, Registration, Insurance)	3,817	5,272	↑	Major Accident Investigations	9	12	↑	Accidents	66	85	↑
Moving Violation-Related Citations	1,016	1,415	↑	Fatal Accidents	1	8	↑	Incidents between 8pm-2am	43%	64.17%	
Other Citations	443	1,014	↑					Average BAC.	0.166	.174	
Total Citations	9,590	14,358									



PATROL

MOBILE OUTREACH SAFETY TEAM (MOST)

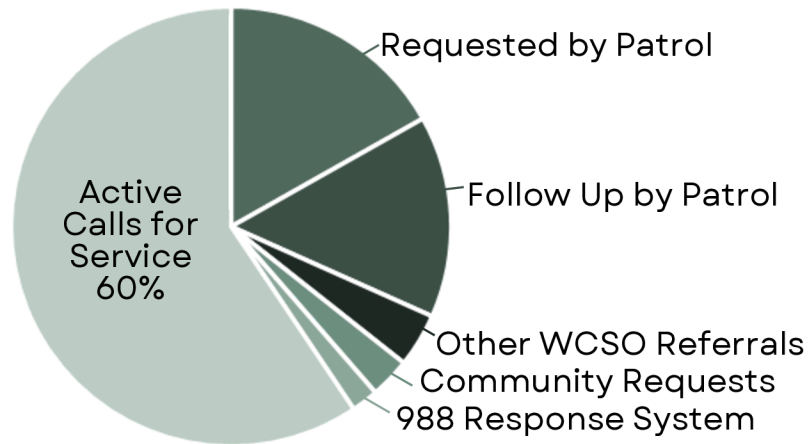
MOST is a co-response model that pairs clinicians with patrol deputies to address behavioral health crises in the community. This approach aims to facilitate de-escalation, divert individuals from the criminal justice system and hospitals, mitigate ongoing crises, and provide short-term case management to ensure connection to appropriate community services.

In 2025, MOST partnered with crisis response, medical and fire serves to enhance co-response, reducing repeat calls and improving early intervention and resource connection.

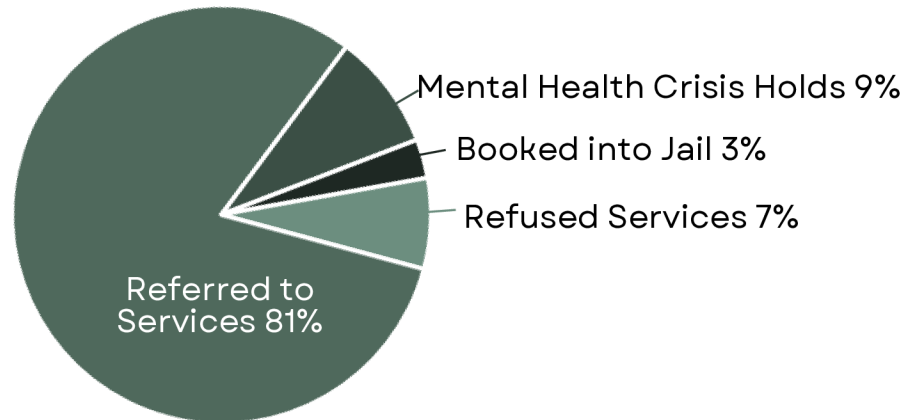
	2024	2025
Initial Contacts	1,315	1,233
Follow Up Contacts	1,579	1,577
Total Contacts	2,894	2,810



SOURCE OF CONTACTS



OUTCOMES OF CONTACTS



PATROL

HOMELESS OUTREACH & PROACTIVE ENGAGEMENT (HOPE)

The HOPE Team prioritizes educating community members, offering opportunities to prevent and transition out of homelessness, and providing supportive services and resources. Individuals experiencing homelessness are identified through service requests, referrals, and self-initiated activity. Understanding this vulnerable population's diverse needs, extending care and compassion, and fostering regional collaboration are vital to reducing barriers and ensuring immediate responses.

	2024	2025			2025
Contacts	2,182	2,930	↑	Tows	0
Referrals to Resources	1,404	2,728	↑	Warnings: Camping	21
Individuals Housed: Stable	144	194	↑	Warnings: Private Property Trespass	31
Individuals Housed: Safe/Temporary	65	61	↓	Citations: Camping	1
Government ID Assistance		65		Citations: Trespass	4
Clean Ups Conducted		4		Arrests: Warrants	3
Yards of Debris Removed		116.5		CPS Involvement	4



PATROL

MARINE 9

The WCSO's Marine 9 Unit provides dedicated patrol and law enforcement services on Lake Tahoe, covering waters from the California state line to the Carson county line. Staffed by deputy sheriffs, Marine 9 ensures safety, enforcement, and emergency response across the Lake Tahoe area.

RESERVE DEPUTIES

The Reserve Deputy Program supplements the WCSO with trained volunteer deputies who support patrol and special team operations, special events, and community engagement efforts. These individuals provide additional staffing resources while maintaining the same professional standards, including Nevada POST certifications, as commissioned personnel.

RESERVE DEPUTIES

6

TOTAL SERVICE

290 Hours



E-BIKE UNIT

The WCSO utilizes Recon E-Bikes to enhance patrol operations supporting both daily patrol within the Incline Village-Crystal bay area and at special events throughout Washoe County. These bikes allow deputies to efficiently conduct traffic and parking enforcement and access areas that are difficult to reach by traditional vehicles, including beaches and trailheads.

MOUNTED HORSE UNIT (MHU)

The Mounted Horse Unit supports public safety through high-visibility patrol, community engagement, and crowd management. The team regularly assists at regional events and WCSO efforts. In 2025, the MHU supported illegal target shooting enforcement, crowd control at special events, parades, and demonstrations, and community engagement efforts.

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

DETECTIVES

Detectives investigate and assist in prosecuting felony and select gross misdemeanor crimes within the unincorporated area of Washoe County. The unit consists of detectives specializing in crimes against children, persons, property, as well as domestic violence, financial crimes, and gang activity, supported by a dedicated victim advocate.

In 2025, the Financial Crimes Unit partnered with Patrol to address a high volume of cryptocurrency-related crimes following a 2024 statutory change limiting cash seizures from crypto ATMs. The unit prioritized education and prevention through website resources, social media messaging, and community outreach, including the launch of the Washoe County Sheriff's Fraud Awareness Hub. Through internal collaboration, the unit deployed the Partnering Against Financial Fraud Program, a targeted fraud prevention campaign through financial institutions and cryptocurrency ATM locations.



PROPERTY CRIMES

	2025
Financial Crimes	85
Property Crimes	141
TOTAL	226

PERSON CRIMES

	2025
Homicide (Adult)	7
Homicide (Child)	1
Officer Involved Shooting Lead Agency	1
Sex Crimes (Adult)	12
Domestic Violence	423
Assault/Battery with a Deadly Weapon	5
Child Crimes	75
Robbery	0
Other (Missing, Outside Agency)	8
Death	202
TOTAL	734

VICTIM ADVOCACY

	2025
Victims Served	379
Total Cases	250
Child Advocacy Center Cases	43
Continued Cases	73
Direct Services Provided	3,259

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

REGIONAL GANG UNIT

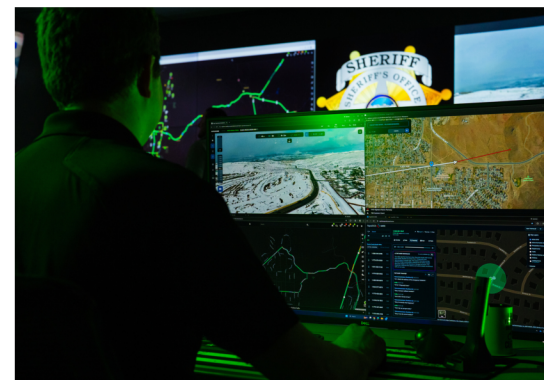
The Regional Gang Unit (RGU), a multi-agency partnership including the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, and Washoe County School District Police Department, focuses on intelligence sharing, suppression, and investigation of gang-related crime. The unit also engages in proactive outreach by educating students, parents, and educators on the risks of gang involvement to reduce recruitment and prevent violence. The RGU currently monitors active and dormant gangs.

VALID GANGS	PREVENTION		ENFORCEMENT		SEIZURES	
		2025		2025		2025
51						
VALID GANG MEMBERS	Adult Diversion Contacts	24	Total Arrests	313	Firearms Seized	68
956	Juvenile Diversion Contacts	78	Felony Arrests	168	Currency Seized	\$33,457
VALID GANG ASSOCIATES	Parent Contact	45	Gross Misdemeanor Arrests	15	Drugs Seized (not marijuana)	2,232g
519			Misdemeanor Arrests	130	Marijuana Seized	1,821g
			Firearm Arrests	62		

NORTHERN NEVADA REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER (NNRIC)

The Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) serves as a regional hub for intelligence-led policing, providing analytical and operational support to enhance proactive crime reduction, officer safety, and strategic decision-making.

In 2025, a key milestone was the completion of the Real-Time Intelligence Center, integrating license plate readers, real-time and community cameras, and a Drone as a First Responder program to improve situational awareness, response times, and coordinated public safety efforts.



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

HIGH-SPEED AERIAL WATCH & KNOWLEDGE (HAWK) DRONE UNIT

The HAWK Drone Team provides aerial support for patrol, tactical operations, search & rescue, and emerging Drone as a First Responder (DFR) capabilities, utilizing a diverse fleet of weather-capable, rapid-deployment, and indoor drones to enhance situational awareness and response.

In 2025, the team advanced operations with the implementation of DroneSense for improved flight tracking and fleet management, and successfully deployed drones in critical incidents, including locating multiple subjects involved in a rollover crash using thermal imaging. The launch of DFR operations marked a significant milestone, contributing to felony arrests, clearing calls for service, and supporting proactive policing efforts.



	2025
Pilots	14
Drones	11
Flights: DFR	113
Flights: Tactical	426
Flights: Training	194



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force investigates the online exploitation of children, including child pornography and enticement. Working without geographic boundaries, the WCSO partners with local and federal agencies, dedicating full-time resources to identify offenders, disrupt exploitation, and protect vulnerable youth.

	2024	2025		2024	2025		2024	2025
Cyber Tips Received	1,407	2,057	Computer Examinations	52	101	Subpoenas	297	263
Tip Follow-Up	300	446	Phone/Tablet Examinations	206	173	Search Warrants	38	42
			Other Digital Device Examinations	-	14	Total Arrests	-	14
			Gigabytes Examined	76,943	102,369	Presentations	14	13

SEX OFFENDER NOTIFICATION UNIT

The Sex Offender Notification Unit (SONU) is a regional, multi-jurisdictional team that coordinates law enforcement efforts to track, monitor, and investigate registered sex offenders, ensure compliance, and support public notification and prosecution of violations.

In 2025, the team launched a new OffenderWatch portal to enhance public access to offender information and strengthen public awareness.

	2025
Sex Offender Verifications	501
Sex Offender Arrests	48
Investigations	64
Surveillance Operations	72
Enforcement Operations	3
Child Recoveries	2

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SPECIAL OPERATIONS

HUMAN EXPLOITATION & RECOVERY OPERATIONS UNIT

The Human Exploitation and Recovery Operations (HERO) Unit combats human trafficking and exploitation through a coordinated approach of enforcement, victim support, and prevention. The multi-agency team, including detectives and a dedicated victim advocate, investigates, and arrests offenders, provides resources and support to survivors, and promotes public awareness.

	2024	2025
Arrests	14	68
Victim Contacts & Recoveries	159	584
Community Trainings	16	53

NORTHERN NEVADA DRUG TASK FORCE (NNDFT)

The Northern Nevada Drug Task Force (NNDTF) is comprised of sworn detectives from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and in partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The task force conducts mid to high level narcotics trafficking investigations designed to disrupt, dismantle, and degrade drug trafficking organizations operating within the region. A central mission of the task force is the reduction of opioid and fentanyl related overdose deaths through proactive enforcement efforts focused on identifying, targeting, and arresting drug traffickers prior to the distribution of illicit narcotics at the street level.

	CASES	ARRESTS
	40	13
SEIZURES	2025	
Fentanyl Powder	1.57 lbs	
Heroin	9.65g	
Meth	19.29 lbs	
Firearms	8	
Currency	\$5,144	
Vehicles	2	

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

K-9 UNIT & NORTHERN NEVADA INTERDICTION TASK FORCE

The K9 Unit consists of eight dual-purpose canines trained in patrol and narcotics detection, along with one single-purpose canine trained in narcotics detection and one single-purpose canine trained in explosives detection. These teams support operations by tracking suspects and missing persons, locating drugs, evidence, and contraband, and assisting in the apprehension of individuals who evade arrest or pose a threat to public safety.

The High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) Task Force is a multi-agency partnership dedicated to disrupting the flow of illicit drugs and dismantling drug trafficking organizations operating through regional transportation networks, including highways, air travel, and postal systems.

In 2025, the WCSO opened the Regional K9 Partners Field at the Regional Public Safety Training Center, built entirely through community support at no cost to taxpayers, providing a dedicated space for premier K9 training and collaboration.



CASES ARRESTS

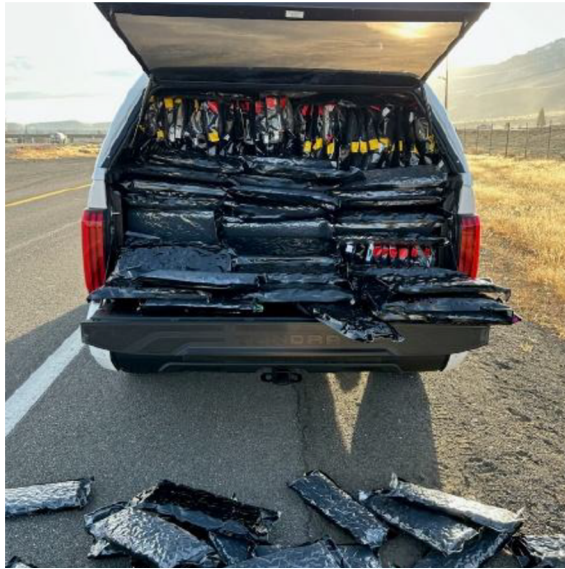
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2025

Warrants 24
 DUI's 8
 Missing Person Found 1

SEIZURES 2025

Marijuana 5,497.90 lbs
 THC Extract 332.70 lbs
 Meth 79.90 lbs
 Heroin 2.5g
 Cocaine 52.52 lbs
 Fentanyl Powder/Pills 324.7g
 LSD 150g
 Hydrocodone/Oxycodone Pills 72g
 Xanax 21.4g
 Psilocybin Mushrooms 306.09g
 Ketamine Powder 58g
 MDMA 314g
 Unidentified RX pills 25g
 Handguns 6
 Rifles 1
 Dangerous Weapons 3
 Stolen Vehicles 3
 Currency \$105,296.10



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SPECIAL WEAPONS & TACTICS (SWAT) TEAM

The SWAT Team is a highly trained, National Tactical Officers Association (NTOA) Tier 1 unit consisting of 28 members, two physicians, a tactical bomb technician and a commander, with additional support from REMSA Tactical Emergency Medical Services during training and operations. The team responds to high-risk, critical incidents that exceed the scope of routine patrol, including hostage rescues, barricaded subjects, high-risk warrant service, dignitary protection, and civil disturbances. The team also played a key role in developing Nevada POST SWAT standards which mirror the National Standards.

In 2025, the team demonstrated their exceptional skill on a national stage, earning a second-place finish among the top teams at the National Staccato SWAT Championship and securing \$50,000 to support continued training, equipment, and operational readiness.

HOSTAGE NEGOTIATIONS TEAM (HNT)

HNT consists of trained negotiators who specialize in de-escalation and communication strategies to achieve safe, peaceful resolutions during critical incidents. The team responds to situations involving hostages, barricaded or suicidal subjects, and civil unrest, working to reduce risk and protect all involved. Negotiators gather intelligence, assess evolving conditions, and establish communication with subjects, utilizing advanced active listening and negotiation techniques in accordance with NTOA standards.

	2024	2025
Tactical Call Outs	8	9
Felony Arrests	8	10
Dignitary Protection Details	7	3
Quick Response Team Deployments for Large Community Events	34	20
Critical Incident Trainings for Schools & Businesses	6	10
Public Demonstrations	14	14

	2024	2025
Negotiations within Detention	8	12
Negotiations with Operations (Call Outs, SWAT Calls, Etc.)	17	12

SPECIAL OPERATIONS

REGIONAL AVIATION ENFORCEMENT (RAVEN)

RAVEN has 3 operational helicopters that provide several different functions. Two Kiowa OH-58 helicopters are equipped with NightSun and infrared technology to assist with patrol and search functions. One HH-1H Huey helicopter is equipped for firefighting and Search and Rescue missions with hoist capabilities and personnel transport.

STANDOUT CASE

In July, RAVEN was requested to assist Lassen County for an overdue male subject and his dog lost in the Caribou Wilderness area of Lassen National Park. After approximately an hour of flying over the area, the RAVEN crew spotted the lost subject. Due to wind speeds and terrain, RAVEN was unable to land and therefore unable to communicate with the subject. RAVEN and SAR members developed a plan to drop an emergency package containing food, water and written message. The subject was able to retrieve the package and signaled for help to the helicopter. Lassen County SAR ground teams were then directed to and reached the subject to safely extricate him from the back country.

	2024	2025
Calls for Service	51	56
Law Enforcement Calls	36	8
Flight Hours	249.2	211.6
Public Demonstrations	19	18
Training Flights	54	38
Patrol Flights	22	36
Fire Flights	8	2
Search & Rescue Flights	13	12



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

SAR s comprised of highly trained volunteer auxiliary deputies who provide critical mission support while saving taxpayers significant costs. The program includes six specialized teams: Incident Management, Specialized Vehicle Unit, Air Squadron, Hasty Team, and Washoe County Search and Rescue. In 2025, these teams began the process of consolidating into a unified SAR program, with full integration anticipated in 2026.

SAR provides regional support across multiple jurisdictions within northern Nevada and northern California. They are

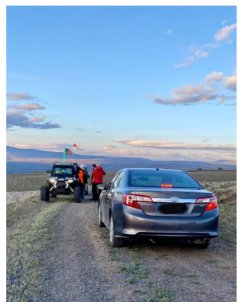
routinely deployed for search missions, emergency response, and complex evidentiary searches related to major crimes, including homicides, shootings, and officer-involved incidents.

STANDOUT CASES

In June, SAR was requested by the El Dorado County Sheriff to assist in the recovery of two victims from a weather-related boating incident on Lake Tahoe. Utilizing the underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), SAR teams successfully located and recovered both victims over a two-day operation, returning them to the custody of the requesting agency.

In December, a backcountry skier reported being caught in an avalanche near Mount Rose Summit. SAR quickly responded and coordinated with avalanche experts in the Tahoe Basin to develop a safe recovery plan. SAR teams successfully escorted the skier out of the avalanche prone area to medical personnel.

	2024	2025
Calls for Service	273	248
Deployments	85	105
Volunteer Hours	5,558	5,292
Taxpayer Savings	\$411,292.00	\$451,460
Total Training & Event Hours		23,075



SPECIAL OPERATIONS

CONSOLIDATED BOMB SQUAD

The Consolidated Bomb Squad is a regional team comprised of members from various local law enforcement and first responder agencies. They are specifically trained in all aspects of explosive ordnance and the proper response to the threat posed by explosive devices. All personnel are WMD Tech-certified. The Northern Nevada Federal Task Force was the first federal bomb task force in the nation.

In 2025, the Consolidated Bomb Squad brought the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators' Rachel Project to the Washoe County community. In partnership with the CASA Foundation's Biggest Little Easter Egg Hunt, the team hosted its first adaptive egg hunt for children with blindness or low vision, featuring custom-built beeping eggs designed and assembled by Bomb Squad members.

	2024	2025
Sweeps & Event Standby	195	166
Call Outs	36	48
Public Demonstrations	26	17
Administrative	42	32
Trainings	158	147
Hours	6,408	6,136.5



MENTAL HEALTH

Law enforcement is a high-demand profession requiring long hours, resilience, and critical decision making under pressure. In recognition of these challenges the WCSO prioritizes employee wellness through a comprehensive, four-pronged approach: peer support, an on-staff mental health clinician, a volunteer chaplaincy program, and the Employee Assistance Program (EAP).

PEER SUPPORT TEAM

The Peer Support Team is a trained group of WCSO personnel providing confidential, peer-to-peer support to promote wellness and assist employees during critical incidents and periods of stress.

In 2025, the team advanced a culture of resilience by coordinating trainings on trauma awareness and stress management, obtaining certifications in Peer Support, Critical Response Team, Critical Incident Stress Management, and supporting both WCSO personnel and partner agencies through critical incident debriefs. Grant funding enabled members to attend advanced training.

MEMBERS

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CONTACTS

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MENTAL HEALTH CLINICIAN

The WCSO Mental Health Clinician supports employee wellness through direct services, coordination with the Peer Support Team, and specialized training. The role also strengthens interagency collaboration, advances culturally competent behavioral health training, and expands resiliency resources to better support staff, first responders, and those impacted by trauma.

CHAPLAINS

Volunteer Chaplains provide confidential support, spiritual care, and community connection to WCSO personnel. Chaplains maintain a regular presence across the Office, responding to requests for support, participating in ride-alongs and events, and assisting during critical incident debriefs.

Active Volunteer Chaplains 4

AWARD HONOREES

LETTER OF COMMENDATION

Awarded to WCSO members or those outside the Office, for outstanding performance, bravery, or exceptional service in acknowledgement of actions that go above and beyond normal duties.

Communications Specialist Jasmine Bera
Communications Specialist Shelby Bisel
Deputy Timothy Braginton
Communications Call Taker Tyaashia Carminer
Communications Specialist Brijido Cruz
Communications Specialist Kelly Henschel
Detective Claire Hoops-Adams
Communications Specialist Huntyr Huynh
Supervising Communications Specialist Joanna Jenkins
Communications Specialist Alyson Lyon
Communications Specialist Amanda Phillips
Communications Call Taker Eduardo Ruiz
Detective Bradley Sage
Communications Specialist Rachael Shadle
Communications Call Taker Gabriela Shanley
Deputy Christopher Shearer
Communications Specialist Sheridan Simpson
Communications Specialist Heather Wiberg (2)
Communications Specialist Margaret Wulftange

MERITORIOUS UNIT

Awarded to any bureau, division, section, subdivision, unit or squad of members of this Office who have displayed extraordinary intelligence, service, crime prevention, response to critical incidents, etc.

Deputy Austin Beard
Sergeant Phillip Cossio
Deputy Casey Devlin
Sergeant Greg Franczak
Deputy Eric Gerow
Deputy Owen Hughes
Deputy Cameron Jeter
Deputy Luke Klein
Deputy James Lau
Deputy Crystal Martucci-Tinseth
Deputy Erik Pruitt
Deputy David Santos
Deputy Gabrielle Serpa-Charles
Deputy Ross Taylor
Deputy Josef Wuepper

AWARD HONOREES

LIFESAVING

Awarded to members who act to save or preserve a life, or lives, that would otherwise have expired without the direct actions taken by that member.

Deputy Jonah Chalk
Deputy Aleksander Czyz
Deputy Aubree Hayes
Deputy Charles Ketcham
Deputy Cody Nisbet

VINCENT SWINNEY

Awarded to those who, by their actions, have provided the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue program with exemplary service through leadership, volunteer service, and/or introduced programs and techniques to Search and Rescue that significantly contribute to the statutory mandate of the Sheriff to preserve life and property, all of which is clearly beyond normal expectations.

Sergeant Joshua Fisher

MERITORIOUS SERVICE

Awarded to members who, while acting in an official capacity, perform superior accomplishments that result in significant contributions to the efficient operation of the Office and/or the good of the community.

Detective Paul Hubbell
NNCTC Intelligence Analyst
Shannon Kelly

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

Awarded to members who have demonstrated exceptional achievement in assigned duties with loyalty and dedication over a prolonged period.

Detective Sergeant Joseph Lear

SHERIFF'S STAR

At the discretion of the Sheriff, is awarded to WCSO members or those outside the Office who, by their actions, have demonstrated conduct that is clearly beyond normal expectations.

RPD Lieutenant Trenton Johnson
RPD Sergeant KC Meyers
RPD Detective David Millsap
RPD Deputy Chief Zac Thew
RPD Detective Josh Watson



AFFILIATE NON-PROFIT SUPPORT

WASHOE COUNTY HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION

The Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (WCHDSA) is a nonprofit, 501(c)3 organization comprised of civic-minded business and community leaders committed to advancing the mission of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Through initiation fees, annual dues, grants, and charitable contributions, WCHDSA provides strategic support that enhances the welfare and safety of law enforcement personnel and strengthens the communities they serve. Investments focus on proactive community engagement, innovative technology, and premier leadership development, ensuring the WCSO remains equipped, connected, and prepared to meet the evolving needs of Washoe County. www.wchdsa.org

WASHOE COUNTY K9 PARTNERS

Washoe County K9 Partners is a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting law enforcement K9 teams of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Through community support and charitable giving, the organization provides essential equipment, advanced training opportunities, and critical medical care for the highly trained dogs who serve and protect Washoe County. www.k9partners.org

WASHOE COUNTY MOUNTED HORSE AUXILIARY

The Washoe County Mounted Horse Auxiliary is a nonprofit organization established to help raise funds in the community for the expenses, upkeep, training and veterinary care of the Washoe County Sheriff's Mounted Horse Unit. www.wcmhua.org



WASHOE COUNTY SEARCH & RESCUE

Washoe County Search and Rescue is a dedicated, all-volunteer nonprofit organization that works under the authority of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide life-saving search and rescue services throughout Northern Nevada and beyond. Their highly trained teams respond to emergencies in all conditions. www.washoesherriff.com/sar



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