

WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS-OUTCOMES 2012

As a result of five years of national economic challenges the Washoe County Sheriff's Office voluntarily worked together with Washoe County management to meet our shared budgetary goals. As a consequence, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office suffered the loss of 106 positions and a reduction of numerous other resources used to maintain public peace. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has created opportunities to most efficiently and effectively manage the personnel and resources available toward various accomplishments which enhanced public safety and our quality of life countywide. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office remains committed even through these most challenging times to preserve Public Safety for all the residents and visitors of Washoe County.

Below are just a few highlights of the many accomplishments achieved by the dedicated members of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office during 2012:

- A grant funded, In-Car Video System Program was implemented. The system increases the safety of Patrol Deputies and citizens, reduces agency liability and is useful in evaluating policies, procedures and training.
- In an effort to streamline required annual training, online courses were developed resulting in more efficient and direct delivery of information to personnel.
- The Community Relations Section instituted strategic initiatives directed to benefit residents through improved community outreach and awareness while also enhancing internal communications for Sheriff's Office employees.
- Forensic Science Division employed new methods of electronically recording information that resulted in a significant reduction in the amount of time required to process Breath Alcohol Analysis reports.
- The Convicted Offender DNA Analysis was kept up to date in part by the receipt of a grant which supports the DNA program.
- Forensic Science Division Firearms Technicians made significant increases in reducing the amount of firearms analysis backlogged cases.
- WCSO applied for 31 grants in 2012 with a success rate of over 80% resulting in \$1,877,018 in funding allocated to various public safety programs.
- Washoe County Regional Animal Services received more than \$237,000 in donations and grants. These funds will be utilized to enhance animal care and customer satisfaction in Washoe County.
- The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Traffic Unit was awarded "Squad of the Year" by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety.

- The Washoe County Sheriff's Office assisted the Reno Fire Department and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District during disastrous fires involving evacuations, increased security patrols and a death investigation.
- WCSO provided support during numerous 2012 Presidential Election events.
- The Regional Fugitive Investigation Strike Team, in cooperation with United States Marshall's Office, was successful in appending numerous fugitives including dangerous homicide suspects and violent offenders.
- Regional Aviation Enforcement (RAVEN), in partnership with local and federal fire agencies, provided initial strike assistance in combating regional fires during numerous events. RAVEN also responded to hundreds of regional events by providing aerial support to numerous law enforcement agencies throughout the region.
- Search and Rescue volunteers responded to various events throughout Northern Nevada and California providing vital support and assisting citizens in need of help.
- The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Canine Program provided enhanced response capabilities during critical events which occurred throughout the region. This program, as a component of the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area initiative, successfully apprehended numerous suspected drug traffickers and seized large quantities of illegal drugs.
- The Detention Bureau implemented Detention Canine Teams enhancing inmate and officer safety within the Detention facility. These Canine Teams were made possible with the assistance of grants provided through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Helen Close Charitable Foundation.
- Two detention housing units were remodeled. The expansion included additional cells and an inmate shower area. This project increased inmate and officer safety conditions related to disruptive or problematic inmates.
- The Washoe County Sheriff's Office implemented the Forensic Mental Health Team. In cooperation with State of Nevada mental health specialists, this program assists inmates in our Mental Health unit with discharge, aftercare, and reduces recidivism.