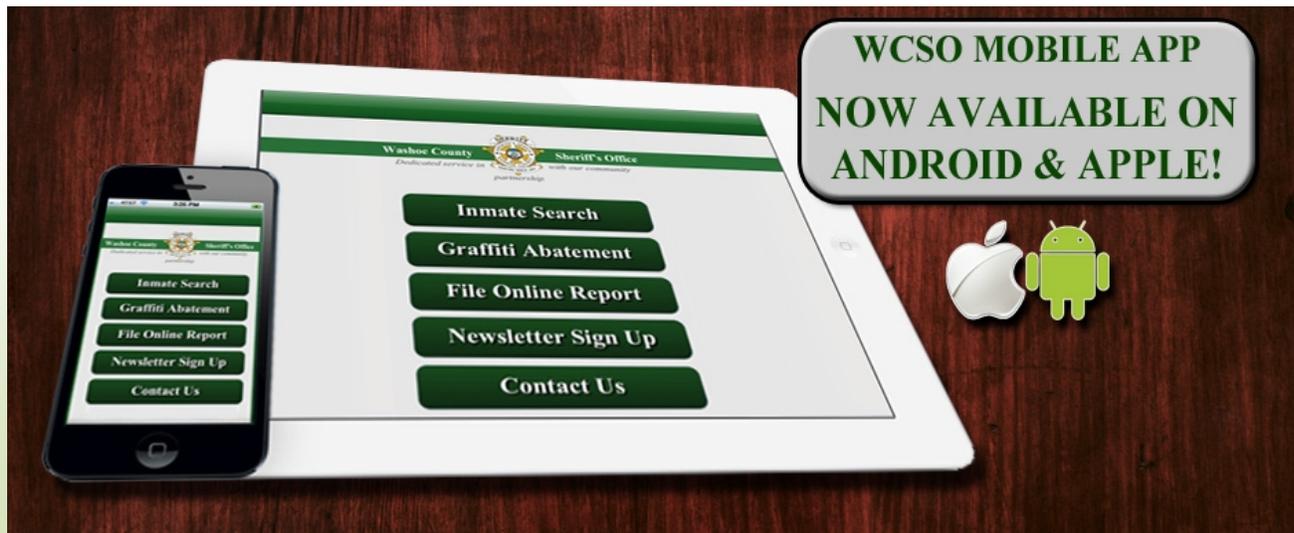


Community Partnership Connection



Sheriff's Office Launches Android App!



The Washoe County Sheriff's Office App is now available for Android users. The App is available for free from the Google Play Store.

The Sheriff's Office originally launched the App for iPhones and iPads in early June to help increase public access to commonly used services. The App provides access to some of the Office's most frequently used services such as online crime reporting, graffiti abatement and inmate searches. It also provides basic contact information and the opportunity to sign up for additional information from the Sheriff's monthly Community Partnership Connection eNewsletter.

"We know that more people are getting the information they need from their smartphones and other devices," said the Sheriff's Office Community Relations Administrator, Tami Cummings. "This App is another example of the Sheriff's Office commitment to using the latest technology to keep our community safe and informed." Users can find the App under "Washoe Sheriff" in the Google Play Store.

We Want Your Family to Have a Safe and Spooktacular Halloween

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office wants everyone to have a safe and enjoyable Halloween.

Undersheriff Tim Kuzanek said the following recommendations are a valuable source of information for parents to use throughout the year:

“One of the most important steps parents can take is to talk with your children before heading out on Halloween,” Undersheriff Kuzanek said. “Make sure they understand their role in detecting and preventing potentially dangerous situations. Also be sure to have a plan for what your child should do if you become separated.”

We also invite parents to take advantage of our free Halloween candy screening available on Halloween night at the Washoe County Courthouse.

Staff from Olympic Security Services, Inc. will screen candy at the x-ray station located inside the Court Street entrance to the courthouse until 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 31, 2013.

The x-ray machine will detect metal objects only. Parents who believe candy has been tampered with by other means should dispose of the candy immediately.



- Never allow a child to trick-or-treat alone.
- Accompany children to the door of every house they approach.
- Don't allow children to enter a home or apartment without adult supervision.
- Children should not approach strange vehicles.
- Remain visible. Wear bright clothing or use reflective strips on costumes. Carry a glow stick or flashlight.
- Obey all traffic and pedestrian regulations. Look both ways before crossing, walk on sidewalks, and obey traffic signals and stop signs.
- Always walk; never run across streets or lawns.
- Trick or Treat at friendly homes. Warn children to stay away from houses that are not well lit.
- Do not go onto properties that are marked "Keep Out," "No Trespassing" and/or "No Solicitors Allowed."
- Never allow a child to eat Halloween candy until an adult checks it. Dispose of anything that seems to have been tampered with, opened or unwrapped.
- Instruct children to shout for help and make a scene if anyone tries to grab them or force them into involuntary situations.
- Children should immediately report anything suspicious to their parents and/or law enforcement.
- Consider alternatives to trick-or-treating such as community Halloween events or organize your own party at home.

WCSCO Honors Detention Facility Volunteers This Month

Washoe County Sheriff Michael Haley and members of his staff paid tribute to a very special group of community volunteers this month. The Sheriff took part in an awards ceremony recognizing volunteers who donate their much-needed services to the Sheriff's Office Detention Facility. The Detention Bureau has nearly 100 active volunteers, contributing more than 15,000 hours of service per year.

Volunteers represented many community-based organizations, educational institutions, churches, businesses, and individuals. They all share a commitment to promote activities that help the Sheriff's Office reduce recidivism. Volunteers bring a variety of unique talents, skills, and knowledge, providing religious, social, educational, recreational, and other services that enhance personal development and create links between those incarcerated and the community.

The Sheriff's Office has benefited from the services of Detention Facility volunteers for decades. Two of the volunteers have been with the Office for 25 years. Services provided by volunteers include: Alcoholics and Narcotics Anonymous Groups, G.E.D./Vocational Skills, Religious Services, Women's Empowerment Workshops, Parenting & Family, Work Readiness, Goal Setting, Asana (Yoga), and the Veterans Justice Outreach Program. If you would like to learn more about the Detention Facility Volunteer Program, you can contact Brooke Howard at (775) 785-4244.



Sheriff's Office Deputies win 2013 Heroes with Heart Award

The Trauma Intervention Programs (TIP) is a national voluntary non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the assistance they need. Their goal is to provide immediate on scene support to victims of crime and survivors of tragedy. Each year TIP recognizes the compassionate heroes, outstanding among Washoe County's first responders and emergency personnel, through their annual Heroes with Heart award dinner and ceremony.

The Sheriff's Office is proud to announce that both Deputy Larry Cooper (photo lower right) and Detective Joe Digesti (photo upper right) were recipients of this year's "Heroes with Heart" award for 2013. Other nominees from the Sheriff's Office included Deputies Mike Yonker, Brian Atkinson, and Jake Jensen.



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Sheriff's Office Community Graffiti Cleanup

We would like to thank all the citizens who volunteered for the October 12th Sun Valley Community Graffiti Cleanup.

"By working together as a community we will make a difference," Undersheriff Tim Kuzanek said. "Each person who steps up to efforts like this one in Sun Valley helps to break the cycle and turn the tide."

The Sheriff's Office would also like to thank the following community partners for their support of this event: the Reno Police Department, South Virginia Home Depot, Summit Ridge Home Depot and Sani Hut Company, Inc.

Sun Valley Elementary School Outreach



Left to right: Deputies Abigail Biggar, Brad Demitropoulos, and Anthony Edwards attended the WCSO's Principal for a Day Event on October 10th.

The Sheriff's Office is reaching out to all four Sun Valley elementary schools (Palmer, Allen, Bennett and Sun Valley) in the next year to partner with the Principals and Washoe County School Police on getting important safety information to the students.

"We are thrilled to have the Sheriff's Office work with us. We all feel it's a perfect match and we're looking forward to a long term relationship with them." said Principal Michael Henry of Esther Bennett E.S.

Four Deputies attended the Principal for a Day Event at each school on October 10th where they met their school Principals, teachers and students.

"All children deserve the chance to grow up to be whatever they can imagine..." - safekids.org



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