

Community Partnership Connection



Lights, Sirens, Safety: A Crime Prevention and Public Safety Fair in the North Valleys Community



The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (Patrol, Motors, K-9, Reserves, and SMART & CERT Teams), AlertID/Neighborhood Watch, Regional Animal Services, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful, and the Emergency Services Dispatch Center are partnering to host a Crime Prevention and Safety Fair in the North Valleys area on April 5th from 10am to 2pm.

The event is open to the public, all ages are encouraged to attend, and admission is free. The fair will feature a variety of crime prevention and personal safety topics. Prevention is the key to keeping you and your family safe. Learn more about the tools and resources available to you to create a safe environment at home and at work. You can also take part in interactive demonstrations, equipment exhibits, free microchipping for your pets, free blood pressure testing and more.

For more information, call Lt. Teresa Aquila at **775-240-2308**.

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Saturday, April 5th

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Silver Lake Volunteer Fire Station at 11525 Red Rock Road, Reno

Prescription Drug Roundup April 26th from 10am to 2pm

The Prescription Drug Round Up, held each spring and fall, is a safe place to dispose of expired, unwanted prescription drugs. More than 1 million pills have been collected at the Washoe County Round Ups since October 2009.

The next Round Up will be held from 10am – 2pm on April 26, 2014 at the collection sites listed below:

Reno

Smith's – 750 South Meadows, Reno
Scolari's – 8165 S. Virginia St., Reno
Walgreens – 10370 N. McCarran, Reno
Save Mart – 4995 Kietzke Lane, Reno
Raley's – 18144 Wedge Pkwy, Reno

Sparks

Save Mart – 565 E. Prater Way, Sparks
Save Mart – 9750 Pyramid Lakes, Sparks

WHY DISPOSE OF YOUR UNWANTED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS?

Rates of prescription drug abuse are increasing throughout the country, and studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends. The community is safer without unneeded prescription drugs in a home with the potential for abuse by young children or others. Proper disposal of unused medicines is also a public health issue since the environment can become polluted by medicines that are thrown away or flushed down toilets.

WHAT CAN I BRING? You can bring unused/expired prescription medications, nonprescription pills, and prescription liquids in the original container. Feel free to remove any personal identification from the container. For more information please contact Lt. Teresa Aquila at (775) 240-2308.

Source: Join Together Northern Nevada

“Green for Gold” Supports Pediatric Cancer Research



The Sheriff's Office “Green for Gold” team was proud to participate once again in this year's St. Baldrick's Event, voluntarily shaving their heads to raise funds for pediatric cancer research.



Photo L to R: Deputies Spaulding, O'Connell, McKinnon, U/S Kuzanek, Deputies Wortham, Ashby and McCaskill (with son Noah) and Jason V. and David A.

National American Jail Association Honors Members of the Sheriff's Office

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Captain Heidi Howe was recently elected to serve on the American Jail Associations' Board of Directors. Highly competitive, these board positions are greatly sought after by detention executives nationwide. Captain Howe was selected to serve a three year term beginning April 28th, and will attend her first meeting at the national AJA conference in Dallas, Texas.

The American Jail Association (AJA) is a national, nonprofit organization that supports the professionals who operate our Nation's jails. It is the only national association that focuses exclusively on issues specific to the operations of local correctional facilities. The governing body of AJA is the Board of Directors. The Board is the final authority on all matters pertaining to the management of AJA. It sets policies for AJA and relies upon elected officers, staff, and committees to implement or to develop plans to implement those policies.

AJA has taken a leadership role in developing the type of programs that promote the professional growth of the dedicated men and women who operate our Nation's jails.

Photo below left: Captain Heidi Howe



Brooke Howard was chosen over hundreds of nominees as the recipient of the American Jail Association's Civilian of the Year Award for 2014. Brooke was awarded for her exceptional contribution in promoting meaningful training programs, exchanging technical information, developing and implementing jail standards, encouraging sound management practices, and adopting practices that improve the efficiency of corrections.

"I am greatly humbled and honored to be receiving this award," said Howard. "Numerous people at the Sheriff's Office have supported me along the way and I truly thank each and every one of them."

Brooke will receive her award during the annual awards banquet at the American Jail Association's 33rd Annual Training Conference and Jail Expo on April 29th in Dallas, Texas. Her speech will be published in the July/August issue of American Jails magazine.

Photo above right: Brooke Howard

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*Dedicated Service in
Partnership with our
Community*



Washoe County Residents can now report crime from their iPhone or Android devices by installing the new WCSO app available for free from the Apple Store or Google Playstore.

Quick Reminder! Forensic Science Division Open House

On **April 24th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** you are invited to experience a unique glimpse into the world of forensic science. During the Forensic Science Division's Open House, you will get a chance to see how a real lab works. Our FSD staff will show you how we develop latent prints, test for the presence of blood, get a DNA profile, determine whether a white powder is cocaine, and many other types of testing.

You will also have the opportunity to solve a crime. We will set up a mock crime scene where you can investigate related evidence found in various sections throughout the laboratory. Please join us for our:

Forensic Science Division Open House
Washoe County Sheriff's Office, 911 Parr Boulevard, Reno
April 24th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Groups larger than 10 people are asked to call 775-328-2800.



Search and Rescue and RAVEN came to the aid of an injured cross country skier near Mt. Rose Highway this month.

FAQ of the Month!

Your comments and suggestions are very important to us! We want to thank you for taking the time to share with us your thoughts and recommendations on how to improve *your* e-newsletter.

Recently, we received several requests to feature a "frequently asked question" of the month in each newsletter. We are happy to introduce this new feature starting this month!

How do I get a CCW permit in Nevada?

To get a CCW permit you must take a class from an authorized instructor, present your documents to our office in person, and complete a CCW application. For more information visit our website at www.washoesheriff.com or click [HERE](#).

(Please keep the suggestions coming)