

Community Partnership Connection



Increase of Resident Deputies in Incline Village



Photo left: New Incline Village resident Deputies Cecil Courtney (L) and Noah Boyer (R)
Photo right: Resident Deputy Paul Longshore



The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is enhancing the Resident Deputy Program in Incline Village. After more than half a year of planning and preparation, two Washoe County Sheriff's Patrol Deputies and their families are now full-time residents of the community in which they serve. They are joining Deputy Paul Longshore who has been a resident Deputy in Incline for 15 years.

Undersheriff Tim Kuzanek said that he has been working towards rebuilding the Resident Deputy program since he was first appointed Undersheriff in early July of 2013. "Having served in Incline Village during the mid-nineties, I understand the importance of providing Deputies who are fully invested in the community," Undersheriff Kuzanek said. Even though 24 hour patrols were maintained in Incline Village and the Incline Village Substation remained open, the Office was not able to assign more than one Resident Deputy.

"My personal experience taught me that when you work, play, shop and raise a family alongside the people you

serve, you are able to provide better service" said Kuzanek. "I have never forgotten that lesson. And I have never forgotten our commitment to the residents of Incline Village."

During the recent economic crisis, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office had to make difficult decisions that impacted all areas of operation. "At the time I was appointed Undersheriff the economic crisis was starting to ease and I felt it was important to start looking for the resources necessary to create a more robust resident deputy program in Incline," Undersheriff Kuzanek said. "Working in partnership with the community, we were successful. I'm very pleased to announce that, as of this month, we have two more Deputies, Noah Boyer and Cecil Courtney in residence in Incline Village."

Deputies Boyer and Courtney are enthusiastic about their new home. "The residents of Incline are very invested in their community, said deputy Cecil Courtney, "I'm excited to be a part of that. I'm looking forward to meeting with and serving the people who make this such a wonderful place to live and recreate."

Lights, Sirens, Safety Fair in Pleasant Valley on May 10th!



Public safety agencies from throughout Washoe County will hold a Crime Prevention and Safety Fair at the Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department Saturday, May 10 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. "Lights, Sirens, Safety" is free and the public is encouraged to attend to learn about a variety of crime prevention and personal safety topics. Safety fair visitors may take part in interactive demonstrations, equipment exhibits, free blood pressure testing and more. The Sheriff's Office will also provide free safety activity books for children.

Participating organizations include: Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District (TMFPD), Care Flight, Washoe County Sheriff's Office (Patrol, Motors, K-9, Reserves, Sheriff's Mobile Auxiliary Response Team (S.M.A.R.T), Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), AlertID/Neighborhood Watch, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB), and Emergency Services Dispatch Center.

WHAT: Lights, Sirens, Safety: A Crime Prevention and Public Safety Fair for Washoe County residents

WHERE: Pleasant Valley Volunteer Fire Department, Lakeshore & Esmeralda, Washoe Valley, NV 89704

WHEN: Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Prevention is the key to keeping you and your family safe. Learn more about the tools and resources available to create a safe environment at home and at work.

Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate Seeks Donations

In 2011, the Reno-Sparks Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Reno Sparks class converted a former detectives briefing room into a safe and comfortable place for victims and their families to wait while crime reports are being completed and resources found for them. This process can take time, and often the victims and their children hadn't eaten for hours. Our Victim Advocate, Kasey LaFoon is asking for the communities help. She would appreciate donations of essential items not covered in our grant such as:

- Bottled water
- Juice boxes for children
- Non-perishable snacks
- Tissue paper

Anyone with donations is asked to contact Kasey La Foon at (775) 325-6454.



Ten Washoe County Detention Facility Inmates Complete Food Safety Training

Ten Washoe County Detention Facility inmates just completed a nationally recognized food service safety course aimed at providing them with skills that will help them find employment after they are released. The inmates earned these certificates by successfully completing an intense two day 16-hour food safety training program as part of a re-entry program sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. The program provides inmates with skills to aid them in life after release, thereby reducing the potential for further criminal activity once they are back in the community. All costs related to the training are paid by the inmates through the Inmate Commissary Fund.

"When we provide inmates with the skills they need to find steady employment after they are released, we help to reduce crime, decrease recidivism and save on the overall costs of law enforcement and detention facility operations," Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Programs Coordinator Brooke Howard said. "We understand in order to reduce the likelihood of continued criminal behavior we must educate offenders and provide them with the proper skills to become productive members of our society."

ServSafe® is the industry's premiere food safety education and training program recognized and accepted by more federal, state and local health jurisdictions than any other food safety training program. The program covers topics such as microorganisms that cause foodborne illness outbreaks, cross-contamination and allergens, proper food safety and storage, and cleaning and sanitizing.

Prior to enrollment in the ServSafe® training program, potential candidates were required to go through a screening process which included a review of the programs rules and expectations as well as the candidate's education level, employment history, criminal history, individual goals and self-motivation.

This is the first time the ServSafe® program has been offered at the Washoe County Detention Facility. Because of the success of this initial effort, the Sheriff's Office will start offering the program four times per year. Students often continue their education while in custody, by participating in one of the many self-help, life skills, job skills and/or General Education Development programs offered at the Detention Facility. Employers who hire these former offenders are not only eligible to receive federal tax credits but also have the benefit of getting qualified workers who are grateful for the second chance.



New twist on Arrest Warrant Scam... The Sheriff's Office is sending out a warning to area residents that there appears to be a new twist to the "Arrest Warrant" scam in which scammers pose as Sheriff's Office personnel to fraudulently obtain money from innocent victims. The Sheriff's Office has received a number of reports from residents who said they were called by individuals claiming to represent the Sheriff's Office and saying that the resident owes money on an outstanding traffic ticket. The caller tells the resident that the resident had been cited for speeding based on a "photo ticket" from an intersection camera. The resident is told that they missed a court date set in the ticket and now owe a certain amount of money. Washoe County Sheriff's Office does not use traffic cameras posted at intersections to issue traffic citations, nor do we negotiate fines over the phone as has been the case with some of the residents who have received these fraudulent phone calls. Anyone who has been a victim of this scam, or who receives such a call, is encouraged to take down as much information as possible, such as a name and call back number, without giving any information away. Then, immediately contact the Washoe County Sheriff's Office at (775) 785-WCSO (9276).

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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.

**Dispatchers Honored During National Public Safety
Telecommunications Week**



National Public Safety Telecommunications Week starts this Sunday and runs through next week (April 13-19). This is a time to honor and express our appreciation to our less visible, but vitally important first responders: the Communications Specialists and Supervisors from the Sheriff's Dispatch Center. Their dedication and professionalism help keep our County's communities and citizens safe.

In the photo above, Assistant Sheriff Anthony Miranda is joined by Supervising Communications Specialist Sharon Goodman and Communications Specialist Jaleh Polak to accept a Washoe County Board of Commissioners proclamation in honor of Public Safety Telecommunications Week.

FAQ of the Month!

Why is RAVEN flying over my house?

RAVEN conducts several different missions while airborne. Primarily, RAVEN conducts a patrol function just like the Sheriff's vehicles you see on the street. If you see RAVEN in an orbit, the deputies onboard are likely providing support to ground units. This can range from providing an extra set of eyes on a suspicious vehicle or person, to directing deputies on the ground who might be searching for a suspect. RAVEN also performs security checks on various high value infrastructures in the Truckee-Meadows area. RAVEN will often orbit the infrastructure while checking its security.