

Community Partnership Connection



Public invited to help celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Sheriff's Incline Village Substation

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office invites residents to join them for a celebration commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Incline Village Substation.

Festivities will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2014. Residents will have a chance to meet Sheriff's Office staff and learn about the services provided through the Substation. They will also be able to tour the facility and see the results of a recently completed remodeling project.

The Incline Village Substation opened its doors to the public in 1964 to serve the communities of Incline Village and Crystal Bay. The lower part of the Substation provided living quarters for the Station Commander and family. The upper floor housed the public lobby, two jail cells, booking area and dispatch center.

Over the years, the Substation was remodeled to meet the changing needs of the Sheriff's Office and the public. Now the Substation provides a variety of services in addition to assisting with crime reporting, including the processing of concealed weapons permits, work permits, fingerprinting and dog licenses.

Visitors to the 50th Anniversary celebration will also have the chance to meet some of the Sheriff's Office K-9 teams, RAVEN crew and Search and Rescue volunteers along with other staff. Be sure to check out the Substation's large collection of law enforcement patches from agencies around the world. The collection started shortly after the Substation opened in 1964.



What: You are invited to the Washoe Sheriff's Office Incline Village Substation's 50th Anniversary Celebration!

When: 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2014

Where: Incline Village Substation, 625 Mt. Rose Highway, Incline Village

Contact: (775) 832-4107

Forensic Science Division Earns Highest Level of International Accreditation



The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division just achieved a higher level of professional credibility by earning a higher level of agency accreditation. The American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors Laboratory Accreditation Board (ASCLD/LAB) presented their International Certificate of Accreditation to staff from the Sheriff's Forensic Science Division during a ceremony this month at the Sheriff's Office on Parr Boulevard.

"You have an excellent laboratory here in Washoe County," ASCLD/LAB representative Ralph Keaton said when presenting the certificate. The Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Division has received continuous accreditation through the ASCLD/LAB's Legacy program since 1994. The Division felt that the external review required by the accreditation process helps to support the credibility of the lab's work. Accreditation is also required in order for the Division to participate in the national DNA database and apply for federal grant funding.

Now, after twenty years, the Forensic Science Division has evolved to a higher, more intensive certification level by meeting the requirements of ASCLD/LAB's ISO/IEC 17025 or "International" program. "For the public, this means that our Forensic Science lab is being held to a higher standard than ever before," Forensic Science Division Director Renee Romero said.

Phone Scams Impersonating Local Law Enforcement are continuing...

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office wants area residents to be aware that the Sheriff's Office continues to receive calls about a local phone scam in which the scammers pose as Sheriff's Office personnel to fraudulently obtain money from innocent victims. The scammer tells the person there is a warrant out for their arrest for a certain amount of fine. The reason for the warrant is represented as being anything from a traffic violation to failure to pay full income tax requirements to the Internal Revenue Service. The scammer then tells the potential victim that their options are either to surrender themselves to the Sheriff's Office for arrest, or that they may pay a "reduced" payment of the fine to adjudicate the warrant. The scammer provides instruction on how the payment should be submitted, usually through an "eGift" cash card or similar payment to a specified account or name given by the caller. These scam artists use pre-paid phones and many times are not even in the jurisdiction where the crime occurred, making their apprehension difficult. Although the Washoe County Sheriff's Office will sometimes make calls to inform someone about a warrant, the Sheriff's Office will never ask for payment over the phone or offer to negotiate for reduced payment in lieu of arrest. Anyone with questions about a warrant may call the courts or local law enforcement.

International Police Association Officer Exchange: SO Welcomes Officer Vincent Beckius from Luxembourg



Undersheriff Kuzanek presents the inaugural Officer Exchange Badge (left) to Vincent Beckius, our first overseas officer as part of the International Police Assoc. (IPA) Officer Exchange. In return, Beckius presented Kuzanek with an award from his Unit in Luxembourg (above).

For two weeks, the Sheriff's Office hosted Officer Vincent Beckius as part of the International Police Association (IPA) Officer Exchange program.

Officer Beckius came to us from Luxembourg, where he serves as a full-time Police Officer and SWAT operator.

Memorable moments for Beckius included Reno Rodeo activities, participating in exercises, and meeting staff. He was most impressed with the level of technology we use to support our crime-fighting efforts.

Some interesting facts about Luxembourg include:

- Non-tactical police officers in Luxembourg are not allowed to carry firearms off duty.
- All citizens are required by law to vote in public elections.
- Luxembourg, bordered by Germany, Belgium and France, faces unique challenges for law enforcement. Criminals from these other countries often come into the country, commit crimes and flee.
- Luxembourg City, with about 100,000 people, has remains of buildings that stood during the Middle Ages.

Vested Interest in K9's, Inc. recently presented the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 team, **K9 Astor and his handler Deputy Dennis Allen**, with a donation of a K9 ballistic vest valued at \$950. K9 Astor was one of over 350 law enforcement dogs who received protective body armor nationwide. "We are very grateful for Vested Interest in K9's for selecting and supporting our agency" K9 Supervisor, Sergeant Mike Wright said. "Our K9's love their work, and are sometimes placed in dangerous situations in the line of duty. These vests help keep them safe against gunfire or a knife attack. They protect our partners, our companions, our protectors in their most challenging times."



VIK9's Award K9 Astor
with a Ballistic Vest

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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.

Sheriff's Ceramic Mugs Now Available!!



Support our **Sheriff's Office Honor Guard** and get the new "Spooner Mug" at the same time! For **\$10** you can now purchase a **set of two** 10.2 ounce mugs (or one mug for \$6).

Pass the cream and sugar! With the included spoon that rests right in the mug handle, you can stir in your favorite extras or enjoy a cup of soup in our SO personalized mug with spoon.

Call Sgt. Michelle Bello at (775) 321-4944 or email her at mlbello@washoecounty.us to arrange to get yours today.

FAQ of the Month!

There is an abandoned vehicle in my neighborhood. Who do I call to report it?

If the abandoned vehicle is located in the unincorporated areas of Washoe County, you can report an abandoned vehicle on a public street to the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Front Desk at 328-3001. If the abandoned vehicle is in Reno, call Reno Direct at 334-4636. If the abandoned vehicle is in Sparks, call the Sparks Police Department at 353-2231.