

Community Partnership Connection



October is Cyber Security Awareness Month – Securing One Citizen, One Family, One Nation against Cyber Threats

Collectively, all of us are adopting new and innovative technologies and spending more of our time online.

At home, at work, and at school, our growing dependence on technology, coupled with the increasing threat of cyber-attacks and risks to our privacy, demands greater security in our online world.

The **Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign's** overarching goal is to help us understand not only the risks that come with using the Internet, but also the importance of practicing safe online behavior.

In addition, the Campaign aims to arm individuals, families and businesses with practical tips and tools to improve their online safety.

Review the next page for tips on how you can lower your risk of online fraud, theft and abuse.

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STOP.

Before you use the Internet, take time to understand the risks and learn how to spot potential problems.



THINK.

Take a moment to be certain the path ahead is clear. Watch for warning signs and consider how your actions online could impact your safety, or your family's.



CONNECT.

Enjoy the Internet with greater confidence, knowing you've taken the right steps to safeguard yourself and your computer.



STOP.THINK.CONNECT.

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Visit www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect for more information on how to get involved with the Stop.Think.Connect. Campaign.

Stop. Think. Connect.

Stop.Think.Connect.TM is a national public awareness campaign aimed at increasing the understanding of cyber threats and empowering the American public to be safer and more secure online. Cyber threats affecting you, your family, and members of your community include:

Identity Theft

Identity theft is the illegal use of someone else's personal information in order to obtain money or credit.

- Identity theft can happen to anyone in any location across the country.
- Take simple steps to protect your online identity by:
 - Locking and password protecting your computer and cell phone.
 - Not sharing specific personal information online, such as your full name or birthday.
 - Setting proper privacy settings on social networking sites.

Fraud and Phishing

Fraud is the intentional perversion of truth in order to induce another to part with something of value or to surrender a legal right. **Phishing** is a scam by which an email user is duped into revealing personal or confidential information that the scammer can use illicitly or fraudulently.

- Fraud and phishing attacks may take the form of an authentic-looking website or a personalized email.
- Secure yourself from fraud and phishing attacks by:
 - Turning off the option to automatically download attachments.
 - Saving and scanning any attachments before opening them.
 - Before providing any kind of information, call and verify with the source that they are indeed the ones who sent the email.

Cyber Bullying and Ethics

Cyber bullying is the electronic posting of mean-spirited messages about a person, often done anonymously. **Cyber ethics** help Internet users understand what type of online behavior is right and wrong.

- Cyber bullying and poor cyber ethics are threats many teens and young adults face not from strangers, but from their own peers.
- Whatever anyone posts online about another person can be spread virally, resulting in serious, unwarranted damage to an individual's reputation or personal well-being.
- If you are being bullied, report it to a trusted adult—a parent, teacher or neighbor.
- Avoid being a cyber-bully and practice good cyber ethics by:
 - Following the Golden Rule—Be nice online and in real life.
 - Not saying or doing anything online that you wouldn't say or do in person.
 - Owning and taking responsibility for your actions online.

Cyber Predators

Cyber predators are people who search online for other people in order to use, control, or harm them in some way.

- Cyber predators target teens and young adults—both male and female—on a regular basis, regardless of whether or not the victims are 18 or above.
- Social networking sites enhance a predator's ability to target young Americans, especially if they share personal information in their profile.
- To protect yourself from cyber predators:
 - Be aware—you never know who is behind the screen, so be protective of yourself and your personal information.
 - If you are being targeted or harassed online, notify your family or the proper authorities.

Sheriff's Office Participates in NN Literacy Council's "Spellbinder" Event

The Sheriff's Office was invited to compete in this year's regional "Spellbinder" fundraiser. Spellbinder 2014 is a corporate spelling bee to benefit Northern Nevada Literacy Council. This year's event celebrated Nevada's 150th birthday and participants were asked to dress circa 1864. Our brave team of spellers (team name: Orthography Enforcers) included Deputies Brooke Keast and Heather Neely, and Josh Andreasen. They donned their best old west duds and moseyed up to the front of the dais where they and the other teams were asked to spell unusual names associated with Nevada, such as "Owyhee." The Northern Nevada Literacy Council is a school that helps adults realize their dreams by providing free GED prep classes and English as a Second Language to adult learners who want to change their futures.



L to R: Deputies Heather Neely & Brooke Keast and Josh Andreasen



Retired K9 Pascha passed away from health complications on September 22nd. Pascha's partner, Sergeant Phil Jones, was fortunate enough to be by his side. K9 Pascha was born in Prague 1/31/05. He had been credited for the apprehension of many violent criminals along with locating thousands of pounds of drugs. He retired from the Sheriff's Office in 2013. Having a K9 in the family has its exciting moments. "What makes a K9 a great dog to work with often transforms into entertainment at home. Most pets don't climb on dining room tables, love loud fireworks and think Halloween is training" Sgt. Jones said with a smile. "He would search or open all our UPS boxes and Christmas gifts; he even knew how to open doors. Pascha was very much a part of our family."

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is among several community partners working with Join Together Northern Nevada to give residents an opportunity to rid their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs. From 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 27, residents can bring medications for disposal to several convenient locations throughout Washoe County.

The roundup is accepting unused or expired prescription drugs in their original containers; over-the-counter pills, prescription liquids, and pet medications. The public is encouraged to mark out the patient's name on the bottle prior to disposal. The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Drop-off points include:

- **Incline Village Community Hospital**, Incline
- **Raleys**- 18144 Wedge Parkway, Reno
- **Save Mart**- 4995 Kietzke Lane, Reno
- **Save Mart**- 565 E. Prater Way, Sparks
- **Smith's** - 750 South Meadows, Reno
- **Scolari's** - 8165 S. Virginia St, Reno
- **Walgreens** - 10370 N. McCarran Blvd., Reno
- **CVS**- 5151 Sparks Blvd., Sparks



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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.

ARREST WARRANT SCAMS STILL PREVALENT!

Did you receive a phone call or email from someone claiming to be a Sheriff, police officer, or lawyer saying they had a warrant for your arrest? It's a scam.

If you are contacted by someone who claims there is a warrant for your arrest or is claiming to collect a debt that you do not owe, you should:

- Ask the caller for his name, company, street address, and telephone number. Provide that information to local law enforcement.
- NEVER give out information such as your name, date of birth, bank account, credit card, social security number or any information about your bank accounts or credit cards.

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 without giving any information away. Then, immediately contact the Washoe County Sheriff's Office at (775) 785-WCSO (9276).

FAQ of the Month!

My neighbors play loud music throughout the night and early morning. Can I call non-emergency dispatch to help?

You are the affected party and a call for service would be warranted. You have three options:

1. You can request that the law enforcement agency contact the person(s), explain the violation and request that the music be turned down to a reasonable level; as not to disturb the peace of the neighborhood. The officer/deputy would then come to your residence and explain what was discussed at the residence.
2. You can request that the law enforcement agency contact you, then the person and a citation can be issued on your behalf. This would require you to appear in court and testify to the noise level, time etc... The officer/deputy that authored the citation would also be subpoenaed to appear in court and state what he/she observed and heard.
3. You can request that the law enforcement agency contact the person, explain the violation and request that the music be turned down to a reasonable level; as not to disturb the peace of the neighborhood. You can also request not to be contacted and remain anonymous. As law enforcement, we do not have the ability to author a citation on our behalf and appear in court without your testimony. This is based upon the aspect that you are the complainant in the matter.

For more information, you can review NRS 203.010 Breach of Peace, Washoe County Code 53.140 Disturbing the Peace, or Reno Administrative Code 8.12.020 Disturbing the Peace.