

Community Partnership Connection



Chuck Allen Takes Oath of Office as the 26th Sheriff of Washoe County

After nearly 30 years of service to the State of Nevada as a state Highway Patrol Trooper and member of the Nevada Air National Guard, Chuck Allen took office as the 26th Sheriff of Washoe County during a swearing in ceremony on January 5, 2015.



In addition to his service with the NHP and National Guard, Sheriff Allen has been actively involved with several charities and community benefits. Sheriff Allen plans to bring his long-standing commitment to community to the Sheriff's Office. His goals for 2015 include:

- Create a first-ever "Green Ribbon Panel" comprised of a diverse group of spiritual leaders, community leaders, public safety leaders, media representatives, elected officials and others to meet quarterly and discuss issues concerning Washoe County.
- Host a WCSO Open House for the public this spring.
- Continue to evaluate crime trends while working to build relationships with regional public safety partners and the community.
- Recruit and train additional Reserve Deputies to augment current staff.

Chuck has been married for 21 years to Teresa. They have two grown children, Bailey and Sheldon. Their family also includes Dezzie (their 13 year-old Toy Poodle) and Toula (their 4 year-old Poodle/Cairn Terrier mix.)

Sheriff Allen Thanks Washoe County Search and Rescue Members for their Service

On January 18th, Sheriff Allen, Chief Deputy Boxx and Commander Kocijanski each spoke at an awards ceremony honoring the many Washoe County Search and Rescue members who volunteer their time, talents and resources to preserve human life. Search and Rescue work is often demanding; the hours are long and arduous, the work can be dangerous and the events traumatic. WCSAR rescue teams train and prepare hundreds of hours each year, hoping their efforts will someday save a life.

During the event, WCSAR recognized a handful of their members for their outstanding contributions to the team. The members also took a moment to acknowledge the support of their wives and partners by presenting each of them with a red rose.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office salutes WCSAR for their bravery, selflessness and dedication to the safety and wellbeing of others!



Veteran WCSAR member Richard Burger with his son Tyler who received 2014 WCSAR Member of the Year

WCSAR awardees -

Outstanding Achievement: WCSAR President Harry Stetzell

10 Year Service Award: Travis Osterhout

Rookies of the Year: Gary Copelin and Roger Peka

Meritorious Service: Mike Schuler, Richard Burger, John Minck and David Gabany

Members of the Year: Tyler Burger & Mark Morrison



Left to Right:

- WCSAR President Harry Stetzell
- WCSAR Member presenting a rose to his wife.
- WCSAR member David Gabany

Washoe County Sheriff's Office plans to launch new Lake Tahoe patrol boat in May

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office has purchased a new boat to patrol the waters of Lake Tahoe. The new vessel is expected to be launched in time for the coming summer season.

The Sheriff's Office new "Marine 9" is a 28-foot Titan T280 Pilot aluminum boat with twin 300hp Mercury outboard motors. The new boat will be equipped with the most technologically advanced Radar, Sonar, and GPS systems to assist with search, rescue and lifesaving missions along with routine marine patrol functions.

The new boat replaces the 14-year-old Marine 9 vessel which sank at a mooring off Incline Village during extreme weather conditions on May 26 of last year. While the Sheriff's Office is still waiting for a determination as to the exact cause of the incident, a survey of the old vessel conducted by Washoe County and Traveler's Insurance found structural issues and concluded the boat to be a total loss.

The cost of the new Marine 9 is \$274,543.94. Part of the cost is offset by a \$101,000 insurance pay out. The remaining \$173,543.94 will be paid through drug forfeiture money.

The all-volunteer Incline Marine Auxiliary Unit Office will also ask for donations from residents of Washoe County and the Incline Village community to help support additional enhancements for the Marine 9 program. Fundraising is currently underway. Anyone interested in donating to Marine 9 is asked to contact Lieutenant Jeff Clark at the Incline Village Substation at (775) 832-4104.

"I know how important this vessel is to the Incline Village community and to the thousands of people who visit Lake Tahoe each year," Sheriff Allen said. "I am also aware how effectively this community and the Sheriff's Office work together and I look forward to strengthening that partnership in the future."

In addition to its regular patrol duties, Marine 9 will also be available to assist partner agencies on Lake Tahoe, including the Nevada Department of Wildlife, North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District and United States Coast Guard.

The new Titan is currently being custom built and is scheduled to be delivered during the second week of May, 2015. Sheriff Allen will host a community celebration to celebrate the inaugural voyage of the vessel. Details of the public event will be announced in the early spring.



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Scam Alert! There is a new scam in town. Residents are getting calls that they have been chosen to **receive a grant** for paying their taxes on time or for not having filed bankruptcy. Fraudsters are instructing people to call and give the operator a "Grant Authorization Number," then the scammers ask for your checking account number so they can deposit the grant — and siphon your money. Other times they ask for a credit card number so they can deduct \$\$\$'s from your account before releasing the grant. If you get a similar call, simply hang up. If they call again, tell them you will be contacting local police.

Oscar's Special Surprise: Recently our District Court Deputies pitched in to help their buddy Oscar.

Oscar is homeless and spends much of his time down at the courthouses. Always pleasant and friendly, Oscar's welcoming smile greet's Deputies and civilians alike each day. The Deputies gathered several items that will help keep him warm this winter; a new jacket, socks, thermals, a long sleeve shirt and a new backpack to help carry his new winter wear in.



Deputy Whalen with Oscar and his trademark smile.

FAQ of the Month!

Q: I or someone I know is interested in becoming a Deputy/working for the Sheriff's Office. What are the qualifications?

We are looking for career seekers who understand problem solving, critical thinking, are disciplined, good communicators, understand integrity, honesty and commitment, want to make a difference and have a desire to serve their community. If you know someone who embodies those characteristics, have them go to washoesheriff.com and click on the JOBS tab at the top. We provide information on tools and resources to help the applicant successfully apply for a position at the WCOS!