

# Community Partnership Connection



## Sheriff's Office and TMFPD Invite Public to Play in "Guns and Hoses" Golf Tournament

### Attention Golfers!

We would like to invite you to join the Washoe County Sheriff's Office and the Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District in a round of golf to benefit the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation!

This year both the WCSO and TMFPD are inviting the public to golf with our deputies and firefighters during the Guns and Hoses Charity Golf Tournament held at Lakeridge Golf Course on **Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>** starting at 11:00 a.m. The cost is \$100 per person and registration includes a round of golf, cart, lunch and non-alcoholic beverages. For more information call 328-3012.

Oh, and if you or your company donates \$5k or more to the event, Sheriff Chuck Allen will volunteer as their golf cart chauffeur!



## Sheriff Allen commemorates 100<sup>th</sup> Day in Office with video update to public he proudly serves

Washoe County Sheriff Chuck Allen observed his 100th Day in office today with a video updating the public on goals and accomplishments since he took office as Washoe County's twenty-sixth Sheriff.

During the four-minute video, Sheriff Allen discusses progress on a number of initiatives he introduced during the campaign such as the Reserve Deputy Program and increased Community Outreach.

The Sheriff also talks about future plans such as his proposal to establish a Green Ribbon Panel of spiritual, political and other community leaders that will meet four times a year to discuss Washoe County issues and his commitment to hold a Public Open House at the Sheriff's Office sometime in early to mid-summer.

The Sheriff praised the many members of the Sheriff's Office staff who have participated in a number of events raising awareness and support for such community organizations as area schools, victim's rights and services, the Boys and Girls Club, Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation and Special Olympics.

The video is being distributed through the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Facebook and YouTube sites. A link to the video is also attached to this press release. Click [HERE](#) to view the video.



### Stay Alert for Scams Targeting the Heart Strings of the Elderly

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office would like to remind residents today to stay alert for phone scams targeting the heart strings of the elderly.

This month, the Sheriff's Office responded to the home of a Washoe County woman who had received a call from someone convincingly claiming to be her grandson. Pieces of family information, most likely obtained from the Internet, were interspersed in the conversation to add legitimacy to his claim.

The caller said that he had just been arrested for DUI out of state and was too embarrassed to talk to anyone else in the family. He asks his "grandmother" to help him out by wiring nearly \$2,000 to a designated recipient.

Fortunately, the potential victim asked for help from another family member who grew suspicious, checked on the story, found it to be false and contacted the Sheriff's Office.

"It's deplorable that scammers will take advantage of the vulnerabilities of grandparents by pretending to be a loved one in trouble in order to trick them into sending money," Sheriff Allen said. "So I encourage each of you to protect yourselves and those you love against these scams by being aware of their existence and sharing that awareness with older people in your lives."

Through fictitious scenarios requiring immediate financial help for emergencies, such as getting out of jail or paying medical bills, scammers are relying on the potential victims feeling the need to rush to the rescue without taking the time to think the situation through.

The Federal Trade Commission suggests that, even if the story sounds legitimate, people should take a minute and run through the following steps:

- Stop. Don't act immediately, no matter what they say the crisis is.
- Check with the person who seems to be in trouble. Use a number or email address that you know is right. Check out the story. If you don't reach the person immediately, check with someone who might know his or her situation. If the caller says not to tell any other family members or friends, that's a sign of a scam.
- Don't wire money to anyone who asks you to. Wiring money is like sending cash — once you send it, it's gone. The same goes for prepaid debit cards. Nobody ever needs to be paid in prepaid debit cards.

To report scams of this nature, contact the Federal Trade Commission by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP.

## Sheriff's Office Crimes against Children Unit among the individuals and organizations that were recognized at Victims' Rights Vigil



Detectives from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Crimes against Children Unit were among those honored at this month's Alliance for Victims' Rights annual Candlelight Vigil and Awards Ceremony held on April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Unit received the Alliance for Victims' Rights Outstanding Unit in the Criminal Justice System Award. This award recognizes an outstanding agency or specialized unit whose "actions represent a passion in the pursuit of justice for those they serve. This agency or unit goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve victims of crime and ensure that they are treated with dignity and respect."

The Sheriff's Office Crimes against Children Unit is comprised of four Detectives. The Unit received over 230 cases in the past 12 months. These cases include abuse and neglect, lewdness with a child, sexual assault against a child and child pornography.

Washoe County Sheriff Chuck Allen, who presented opening remarks at the Vigil, said that it is a great honor for the Sheriff's Office to have this Unit recognized along with the other outstanding community members, volunteers, agencies and businesses who all work together on behalf of the victims in our community. "Through their training, they are able to pursue justice with professionalism and sensitivity. Through their compassion they have often gone above and beyond to provide much needed assistance for those they serve," Sheriff Allen said. "This phenomenal group of Detectives fully understands the important role law enforcement plays in supporting victims of crime."

**Deputy Reserve Program Update!** Fifty potential reserves showed up for the Physical Aptitude Test this month. Deputy Reserve Commander Jim Kocijanski was happy with the turnout. "I want to thank all the applicants that participated as well as the Sheriff's Office personnel that helped make this happen," said Kocijanski. "We are moving forward and on schedule - our target start date for the reserve academy is July 7th." More to come...



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#WCSO Chief Deputy Russ Pedersen is a member of the Reno Sparks Chamber's Leadership Reno-Sparks class of 2015. As a class project they are remodeling and revitalizing Kids Kottage Shelter, which provides temporary care for abused or neglected children. Please consider supporting this important project. For more information call 328-3012.

*Leadership Reno Sparks 2015*  
Please join us in raising money for the Kids Kottage

### Caring for Kids Kottage

EAT, DRINK and BE GENEROUS!

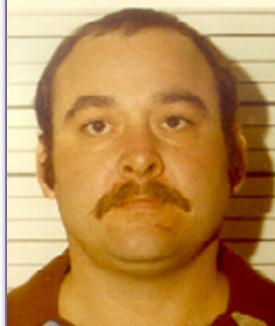
RENO PROVISIONS - 100 N. SIERRA ST.  
THURSDAY, MAY 14th 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Live Music  
Silent Auction  
Raffle for i-Watch

**TICKETS**  
\$60 in advance  
\$75 at the door  
Ticket will include scrumptious appetizers and libations!

**DONATIONS**  
All proceeds go towards \$50,000 worth of upgrades to the playground, housing, and common areas, for the children at Kids Kottage.

*For Event Information*  
Contact: [iScaringforKidsKottage@gmail.com](mailto:iScaringforKidsKottage@gmail.com)  
\*Garage Parking Validation at Event



Daniel Carpenter



Suspect Sketch

For more information click [HERE](#) or view the post on the WCSO Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).

### Cold Case of the Month: Daniel Carpenter

On September 14, 1979, thirty-nine year old Daniel Carpenter was found murdered in his home on Carriage Drive in Pleasant Valley. The victim had been bound with restraints prior to his murder. Evidence at the scene suggested that the victim was likely robbed of money and property.

### FAQ of the Month!

**Q: How can my neighbors and I start a Neighborhood Watch Program?**

**A:** We are fortunate to have Reserve Deputy Teresa Aquila as our Neighborhood Watch Coordinator. She has helped to facilitate dozens of Neighborhood Watches throughout Washoe County. For more information click [HERE](#) or you can call R.D. Aquila at 240-2308.