

# Community Partnership Connection



## FREE Community Emergency Response Training Academy Begins July 9<sup>th</sup> Sign up today!

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Citizen Corps is offering an emergency preparedness and response training academy beginning July 9, 2015. The training is free and trainees are not required to become a Citizen Corps volunteer to participate. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Academy provides residents with the information they need to help save lives and reduce trauma in the event of an emergency. CERT Academy training includes disaster preparedness, emergency medical techniques, fire safety, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, and terrorism awareness education.

The CERT Academy offers a total of 25 hours of training during six sessions over two consecutive weekends. Training is conducted by Citizen Corps staff and volunteers along with appropriate subject matter experts.

Academy dates are:

Thursday, July 9, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday, July 10, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.,  
and Saturday, July 11, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

and

Thursday, July 16, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday, July 17, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.  
and Saturday, July 18, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Training takes place at the Regional Public Safety Training Center located at 5190 Spectrum Blvd. No special skills are required.

Children 12-15 may participate with parent's supervision, teens 16-17 with parent's permission.

To sign up for training, call CERT Program Manager Shirlee Rhodes at (775) 325-6928 or email: [srhodes@washoecounty.us](mailto:srhodes@washoecounty.us).

**\*The Community Emergency Response Team program is made possible by grants awarded by the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management from the Homeland Security Grant Program.**



## Sheriff's Office Launches new Marine 9 Patrol Boat

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office unveiled a new boat to patrol the waters of Lake Tahoe, Sheriff Chuck Allen announced today. The new state of the art vessel, "Marine 9", is being launched just as the waters of Lake Tahoe will be increasing with activity this Fourth of July and into the Northern Nevada Summer.

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 is 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.

"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. "The advanced capabilities of this vessel will allow the well trained personnel at the Sheriff's Office to better serve the community."

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.

"Marine 9" is staffed by specially trained Sheriff's Deputies and the all-volunteer Incline Marine Auxiliary Unit who respond to emergencies 24/7, 365 days a year.

To view a video of this month's boat christening and press conference, click [HERE](#).



## Deputies in Denim!

The Sheriff's Office heritage dates back over 150 years. Cowboy style jeans are a part of our heritage and were worn by Sheriff's and Deputies long before modern day uniforms. Fun Fact: This is not just about the history of the Sheriff's Office, it's about the history of our region since the copper riveted jean was invented by a Virginia Street tailor named Jacob Davis in 1871.

To celebrate that tradition, Sheriff Allen authorized all Deputies to wear cowboy style boots and Wrangler jeans along with their standard uniform shirt and attire while the rodeo was in town.



Additionally, the Sheriff's Office held the first ever "Deputies in Denim" fundraising event at the Texas Roadhouse to benefit the Nevada Military Support Alliance (10% of proceeds and all donations). Staff from the Sheriff's Office volunteered their time to help wait tables and talk with the customers about why it is important to assist the Nevada Military Support Alliance. The NMSA provides essential services and comfort for the families of fallen patriots who lost their lives in combat. To see more photo's click [HERE](#).



## Wandering vulnerable persons are a growing concern in northern Nevada ...we want to keep those you love or care for safe.



What is Wandering? "Wandering" refers to a variety of behaviors that may result in people with Alzheimer's, dementia, or cognitive impairments of any age becoming lost or having their safety at risk. Anyone who has memory problems and is able to walk is at risk for wandering. Even in the early stages of dementia, a person can become disoriented or confused for a period of time.

It has become an unfortunately common problem for people with cognitive impairments to end up lost. According to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 6 of every 10 people with dementia wander. Missing persons with cognitive impairments have become an increasing concern in the Truckee Meadows. Local law enforcement have seen a sharp increase in calls relating to seniors with memory problems who had wandered and become missing.

Although common, wandering can be dangerous— **if not found within 24 hours, up to half of those who wander risk serious injury or death.** In northern Nevada law enforcement and search and rescue have saved missing persons with dementia from dangerous locations near water, drains, and heavy brush miles away from home.

We want to help you keep them safe.

Click [HERE](#) to view a brief video on Wandering Prevention and to access the Resource Guide

If you care for someone with cognitive issues, please take a moment to review the video above...It could save the life of someone you love or care for. It is important to remember that no one thing is going to ensure the safety of a person with memory or cognitive issues including dementia and Alzheimer's. We have collaborated with many community agencies to provide these practical strategies to help you minimize the risk of wandering and to be better prepared if wandering does occur.

If someone in your care does get lost, it is vital that you call 911 to begin search and rescue efforts **immediately**. With each passing minute the odds of finding any missing person decrease, but when the missing person suffers from impairment, the odds are worse.

It's important that you organize and regularly update vital information on the person you are caring for, such as a photo, physical description and medical conditions. There are two very important tools you can provide to law enforcement in the event someone in your care becomes missing or wanders. In wandering situations; every minute counts.

1. First, we encourage you to sign up online for AlertID's *My Family Wallet* at [www.alertid.com](http://www.alertid.com). *My Family Wallet* offers a secure way for families and caregivers to store information so that in an emergency, AlertID can provide information to law enforcement instantly upon your request.
2. Second, please complete a Wandering Identification Kit and keep it in a place you can easily retrieve it for law enforcement. (A printable version of the kit is included in the Resource Guide, see above).

Alzheimer's patients do not wander without an actual cause; very few have hallucinations. They typically are going somewhere, looking for something, and don't actually consider themselves lost, so they don't reach out for help. Often they are found confused, frightened, and in dangerous environments that can affect their health and safety. Additionally, the stress experienced by families and caregivers when a person with dementia wanders and becomes lost is significant. We recommend that caregivers have a plan in place beforehand, to know what to do in case of an emergency. Caregivers can also receive a **FREE Wandering Prevention tote** which includes a resource DVD, a door lock, screwdriver, door knob cover and more. Call Kids to Seniors Korner at 858-5251 for more information.

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**WCSO appoints new PIO to Community Relations Staff**

Washoe County Sheriff Chuck Allen announced this month that he has appointed Deputy Jeff McCaskill to serve as Public Information Officer for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office. Deputy McCaskill will join current Public Information Officer Bob Harmon as the primary contact for media seeking information about the Sheriff's Office.

"We are committed to doing all we can to support an open dialogue with the community and the timely release of public safety information," said Washoe County Sheriff Chuck Allen. "Designating a second Public Information Officer ensures that the Sheriff's Office is in position to effectively communicate with the public 24/7."

Deputy McCaskill is a native Nevadan and has worked for the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for 9 years. Deputy McCaskill has previously been assigned to the Detention Division as a Detention Deputy and the Operations Division as a Patrol Deputy.

"Washoe County is my home and I love it here," said Deputy McCaskill. "The Sheriff's Office believes in communication and engagement with the community at every level. I look forward to being a part of that process."

For more information click [HERE](#).



**Cold Case of the Month:  
Jennifer Martin**

June's Cold Case of the Month: Jennifer Martin. Jennifer Martin was last seen at approximately 3:00 p.m. on June 28, 1987 buying candy and a soda from a Lemmon Valley 7-11 store that was only a few hundred yards away from her home. She disappeared during broad daylight and has not been seen or heard from since. Twenty eight years later, WCSO Detectives continue to work this case.

You can view the post on the WCSO Facebook by clicking [HERE](#).

Anyone who may have any information that could lead to the whereabouts of Jennifer Martin is asked to contact the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detective Division at (775) 328-3320 or Secret Witness at (775) 322-4900.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office just hit 5,000 likes on Facebook and we wanted to celebrate by saying "thank you!"

Click [HERE](#) to view our *Thank You* video!

(Psst! You don't want to miss it)

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