

# Community Partnership Connection



**Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!**



We wanted to wish everyone a safe and happy Halloween, so we "tricked" our Public Information Officers, Bob Harmon and Deputy Jeff McCaskill, into making this video for you that we hope is a real treat to watch! Click [HERE](#) to view on Facebook or click [HERE](#) to view on YouTube.

## Sheriff HASTY Team volunteers clean up abandoned vehicles from Kiowa Ponds

Volunteers from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office HASTY Team used a "Black Water" training scenario to help remove at least a half a dozen abandoned vehicles from the Kiowa Ponds area of Peavine Mountain this month. The vehicles have been a longstanding hazard and concern for people who recreate in the area. This year's low water levels, and the need for HASTY team volunteers to conduct this type of specialty training, presented a unique opportunity to finally have them removed. As part of this year's national Make a Difference Day, the Washoe County Sheriff's Office worked with the U.S. Forest Service, City Auto Towing and the Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles to carry out this recovery operation; taking advantage of extremely low water levels to access the vehicles. Divers outfitted in full containment suits entered the water, attaching chains and other equipment necessary to drag the vehicles from the pond. It's not known how long the vehicles have been in the water, but it's possible that some have been there for over a decade. The WCSO salutes our dedicated HASTY Team members for "Making a Difference."



## Donations needed for Sheriff's Office Christmas on the Corridor



For nearly two decades the Washoe County Sheriff's Office has helped bring a little Christmas cheer to children and seniors who live in Reno's 4th, 5th and 6th Street "Corridor" through the annual **Christmas on the Corridor** Event, founded by the Reno Sparks Corridor Business Association.

As this year's event draws near, we are once again requesting **donations from the public** to help make **Christmas a little brighter for over 1,000 local children and seniors** by donating much-needed essentials such as coats, school supplies, hygiene items, clothing and food. They are also looking for items such as **books, puzzles, blankets and toys** of all kinds. Donated items may be dropped off at the Sheriff's Community Work Program Office located at 350 S. Center St., #101 (directly across from the Downtown Reno Library) between 6 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or mailed to Alternatives to Incarceration, PO Box 11130, Reno, NV 89520-0027.

The deadline for donations for the 2015 Christmas on the Corridor event is December 14. **Here's how you can help:**

- donate NEW toys for children ages infant to 18
- send a check, made out to the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association (WCHDSA), c/o Brooke Howard, Program Coordinator, at P.O. Box 11130, Reno, NV 89520-0027
- donate items for our raffle to raise additional money to purchase gifts (Restaurant/Spa/Room/Ski Packages, Event Tickets, Wine Baskets, Wellness Sessions, Golf Certificates, Electronics, etc.)
- donate backpacks and school supplies
- donate games and books for teens and tweens
- donate gift cards (Walmart, Target, Grocery Stores, Payless Shoe Store, Movie Theater, etc.)
- donate shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste
- donate books on CD, puzzles, paint by number sets, slippers, lap blankets, etc.
- donate food or other party items to make the holiday party a celebration the children will always remember.

"Many of our community members are left feeling sad, lonely, confused and unwanted during the holiday season. That is why it is so important to keep those who are less fortunate in our holiday plans," Detention Programs Coordinator Brooke Howard said. "Our work has a powerful impact that touches the people we work with directly." In addition to helping those living in local motels, Christmas on the Corridor has teamed up with the WC School District's Homeless and Transition Program to provide gifts to thousands of students.

Donated items will be distributed to children & senior citizens **Saturday, December 19, 2015**. The event begins in the Reno-Sparks Livestock Events Center at 9:00 a.m. and includes Santa's gift-giving caravan that visits a number of area motels. If you would like to join this effort to help make the lives of children and senior citizens a little brighter this holiday season, **volunteers are always welcome**. Please contact Brooke Howard at (775) 785-4239 or e-mail: [SO-outreachPrograms@washoecounty.us](mailto:SO-outreachPrograms@washoecounty.us). Volunteers must be at least 14 years of age and all volunteers must ride in the caravan vehicles.

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**Scam Alert!** The “Warrant Scam” is back in town. We would like to remind residents to be cautious about phone calls that appear to come from a Sheriff’s Office Detective. These calls claim to come from a Detective from the Sheriff’s Office, and say there is a warrant out for your arrest. They then provide information on how you can provide payment. These scams cycle back in town when the scammers believe people have forgotten about them. If you receive a call like this and would like to confirm the validity, you are encouraged to contact the Sheriff’s Office non-emergency line at 775-328-3001.

**Upland game seasons are about to begin and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office reminds residents about congested area shooting restrictions**

It’s Chukar and quail season and the Sheriff’s Office would like to remind recreational shooters of county ordinances governing discharge of firearms as well as “congested area” restrictions. The ordinances (Washoe County Code 50.092 and 50.158), along with information and maps highlighting congested and restricted areas, can be found on the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office website at WashoeSheriff.com. Enter “congested area” in the Search window. As part of an ongoing initiative by the Sheriff’s Office to increase public awareness about congested area restrictions, informational signs have been posted in high occurrence areas throughout the county. These informational signs include a map that highlights the prohibited area, and both the 1000 foot restricted and 5000 foot unrestricted shooting areas. Everyone who plans to recreate in these areas, not just shooters, should familiarize themselves with these restrictions and maintain awareness of activity taking place in their surroundings while in the outdoors. The Washoe County Sheriff’s Office takes residents’ safety seriously, and will issue citations to anyone found discharging a firearm or air gun within the prohibited areas. Residents with concerns about activity that may be illegal or dangerous should immediately call the Sheriff’s Office at 785-WCSO (9276).

**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](http://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 WCSO!