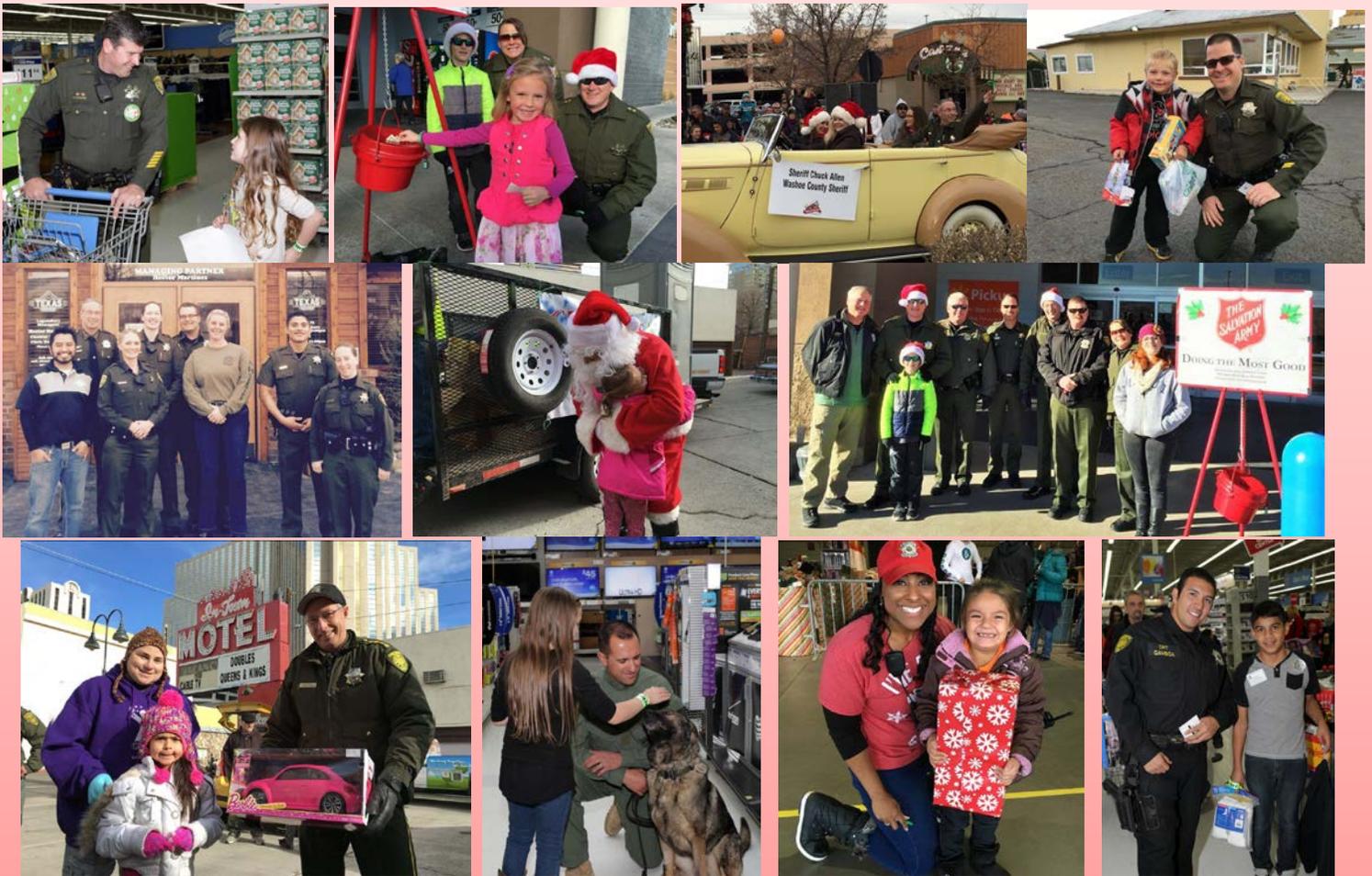


Community Partnership Connection



Happy Holidays from Our Family to Yours!

The Sheriff's Office was very fortunate to have been involved in several community outreach projects this holiday season: Shop with the Sheriff, Sparks Hometowne Christmas Parade, Christmas on the Corridor, Tip a Pet for Christmas, Share your Christmas Holiday Food Drive, the Salvation Army Bell Ringing and many more. We wanted to share a few of the special moments with you and wish you and your family a very merry holiday season and a safe and prosperous new year!



Washoe County Search and Rescue Celebrates 50th Anniversary!

In the year ahead, the Sheriff's Search and Rescue Team will be celebrating **50 years** of service to the citizens of Washoe County!



This month WCSAR kicked off their 50th year, alongside Sheriff Allen and members of the WCSO command staff, with a pizza party out in Spanish Springs. Typical of our devoted search and rescue members...before the night was over, the team headed out into the driving snow to help locate and rescue a stranded ATV operator in Lemmon Valley. The next morning WCSAR volunteers were right back out in the community helping with the annual KTVN holiday food drive for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, continuing a half century of exemplary public service for Washoe County. We will be sharing more about these incredible volunteers in 2016!



The Washoe County Sheriff's Office reminds residents to check their outdoor Christmas light displays, especially when using laser beam holiday lighting.

On Tuesday, December 22, 2015 the Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN helicopter was conducting a routine flight in the Reno area. At one point in the flight, the pilots were temporarily blinded by red and green lasers that were directed into the helicopter cockpit.

RAVEN pilots and Washoe County Sheriff's Office patrol Deputies investigated the origin of the laser beams and found that they were a part of a residential Christmas light display. Laser landscaping projector lights are seen more frequently in outdoor holiday displays and can be easily purchased on-line or in stores. Deputies were able to contact the homeowners to share with them the dangers associated with laser lights and assist them with correct placement and adjustment of the lights.

While this incident was not intentional and the RAVEN pilots were not injured, The Washoe County Sheriff's Office would like to remind citizens, especially those who may live in the flight path, to adjust their laser projected lights. The adjustment should ensure that all beams of laser light be focused on the home to avoid any stray lighting.

The Reno Flight Standards District Office of the Federal Aviation Administration recommends that homeowners move their laser projected lighting closer to their residence or move the projection from an elevated area down toward their home. Please call 775-328-3001 if you have questions or would like more information regarding laser Christmas lighting.



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We'd like to share a recent NDOT digital message...
"Don't text and drive; it leads to the dark side!"

