

Community Partnership Connection



Be a part of the fight to end childhood cancer by joining local peace officers and firefighters for this year's Guns and Hoses Benefit Golf Tournament



2016 Guns and Hoses Benefit Golf Tournament benefiting the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation

- When:** Monday, April 25, 2016 - shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.
- Where:** LakeRidge Golf Course, 1218 Golf Club Drive, Reno
- Contact:** To register call (775) 328-3012

Photo: It is a Guns and Hoses tradition for members of the firefighter teams to dress in SWAT gear and members of the law enforcement teams to dress in firefighting gear when teeing off on the tenth hole.

For three years local peace officers and firefighters have competed against each other to raise tens of thousands of dollars for the Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation through the Guns and Hoses Benefit Golf Tournament. This year, you are invited to be part of the competition.

The Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office invite the public to enter this year's tournament scheduled for Monday, April 25, at the LakeRidge Golf Course.

The tournament is a four-person best ball scramble and is open to all golfers who want to join our public safety personnel in an enjoyable day of giving back to the community. You make the choice of which team you want to play for. Tournament registration is \$125. This includes golf, cart and lunch. For more information, contact (775) 328-3012. The Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation's vision is to reach every family affected by childhood cancer in the Northern Nevada and Eastern Sierra regions. Their mission is to enhance the quality of life for children with cancer and their families by providing financial assistance and compassionate support programs while advocating for increased research funds and raising public awareness. For more information, visit nvchildrenscancer.org.

Crossroads...A New Beginning

Mayor Hillary Schieve was the guest of honor during a recent tour of the acclaimed Crossroads Program which provides supportive living arrangements for men and women transitioning out of homelessness.

On hand to share more about this innovative program was Washoe County Manager John Slaughter, Asst. County Manager Kevin Schiller, Directors Amber Howell and Ken Retterath, and WCSO Deputy Shawn Marston joined by Chief Deputy Susan Schilling.

Crossroads is a public-private partnership that focuses on providing housing and supportive services for men and women transitioning out of substance abuse and homelessness. This program saves Washoe County taxpayers millions of dollars each year by reducing costs associated with jail intake, hospital admissions and other emergency services.



Symposium on Race and Policing

On Thursday April 21st from 5:00 – 9:00 pm community and religious leaders from around the Truckee Meadows will come together with local law enforcement officials to discuss building a stronger collaboration between our community and our law enforcement agencies. A free pre-event BBQ on the third floor veranda of the Joe Crowley Building at 5:00 pm will be hosted and funded by the UNR Students Union (ASUN) until 5:45 pm. The BBQ is open to everyone in the community who wishes to attend. After the BBQ, the symposium will be held from 6:00 pm until 9:00 pm in the Joe Crowley Student Union Theater and includes free admission and free parking. This is the 3rd Symposium on Race held in the area since it was initially created by Dr. Norris Dupree with the Reno Police Dept.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office Citizen Corps is offering an emergency preparedness and response training academy beginning April 14, 2016. 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 **six training sessions over two consecutive weekends**. Training is conducted by Citizen Corps staff and volunteers along with appropriate subject matter experts.

Academy dates are:

Thursday, April 14, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday, April 15, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., and Saturday, April 16, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Thursday, April 21, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Friday, April 22, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, April 23, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Deputy Gamboa receives Interdiction Royal Knight Award

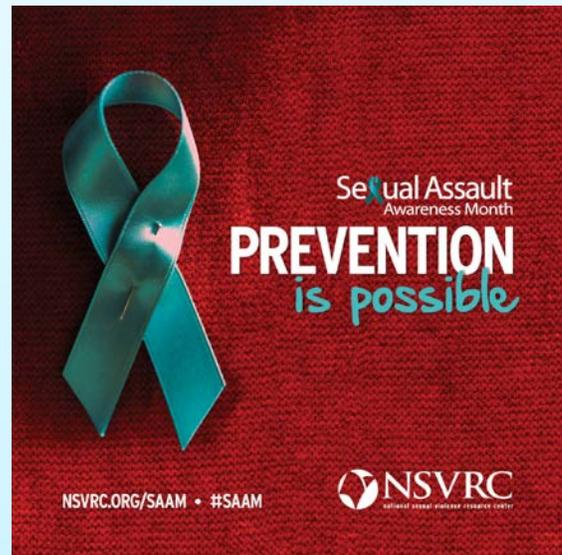
#WCSOProud: On March 16 Deputy Gamboa received the Desert Snow's Royal Knight award at the 2016 National Interdiction Conference.

The Royal Knight Program was developed to acknowledge relentless criminal interdiction police work. Individuals selected for Royal Knight Status must show a sustained and professional effort to protect the motoring public by identifying and apprehending some of America's worst criminals. Deputy Gamboa is one of 27 officers in the nation that have received this award since 1989.

Gamboa also received the Relentless Award, given to five officers in the nation who have recorded the largest number of criminal interdiction seizures for the year 2015.



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Sexual violence happens in every community and affects people of all genders and ages. The impacts of sexual violence affect individuals, families, communities, and society as a whole. But prevention is possible. Together, we can change the conditions that contribute to sexual violence. You can learn the facts about sexual violence and play an active role in changing misconceptions.

Nearly 1 in 2 women and 1 in 5 men have experienced sexual violence victimization

Sexual violence is a widespread problem, but the good news is it is preventable. Prevention requires many voices and roles. There are many ways individuals, communities, and the private sector can take action to promote safety, respect, and equality.

All of us can play a role in creating safe environments. We can:

- Intervene to stop problematic and disrespectful behavior
- Promote and model healthy attitudes, behaviors, and relationships
- Believe survivors and assist them in finding resources

To learn more go to: www.nsvrc.org

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**National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week
A Salute to our Dispatchers!**

Behind every emergency response that takes place in Washoe County there is a team of dedicated, professional communications specialists who are often the first and most vital link between our citizens and emergency services.

Our communications specialist, or dispatchers, and supervisors exhibit compassion, understanding and professionalism during more than 150,000 calls for service each year, covering an area of approximately 6,700 square miles with over 110,000 residents.

They are an integral part of our emergency response to the community. They are the ones who answer 911 when you need help. They are a calm voice in that moment of need, and the ones who get the information to tell first responders where they are needed.

They play a vital role in saving lives and property; continually gathering information important to first responders, evaluating and responding to ever evolving situations.

In 1991, Congress designated the second full week of April as a time to remember the role that dispatchers play in keeping us all safe. National Public Safety Telecommunications Appreciation Week is April 10-16th and the WCSO would like to take a moment to recognize those employees who play a pivotal role in our public safety efforts.

On behalf of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, we say "Thank You" to our Public Safety Dispatchers!

