

# Community Partnership Connection



## Applications now being accepted for Regional Citizens Police Academy

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office is teaming up with the Reno Police Department and the University of Nevada, Reno Police, to offer an intensive twelve-week Regional Citizens Police Academy that provides insight on how law enforcement officers perform their duties and work to protect the communities they serve.

We invite and encourage any area resident with a desire to learn more about the day-to-day life of local law enforcement to take advantage of this exciting and unique opportunity.

The Academy is scheduled to begin on August 16, and will include tours of local law enforcement facilities along with demonstrations about police operations and tactics. Classes will also discuss the many divisions that make up a police agency such as Detective, Regional Gang Unit, Bomb Squad, SWAT, K-9, and Crisis Incident Negotiation Teams.

Several of the classes will involve hands-on activities such as emergency vehicle operations, participating in firearms training, conducting building searches, and participating in simulated training exercises.

**Applications are available online at: [WashoeSheriff.com](http://WashoeSheriff.com), [Renopd.com](http://Renopd.com) and [UNR.edu/Police](http://UNR.edu/Police)**

Completed applications can be returned electronically to the email address provided on the application or can be delivered in person to the front desk of any of the participating agencies by the end of business on July 8, 2016.

The Regional Citizens Police Academy is free of charge and open to all qualified applicants. Participants must be 18 years of age or older to attend, and a resident of Washoe County. The Academy will be limited to 30 participants. For more information, contact: Washoe County Master Deputy Rick Pillon at (775) 789-5487 or Reno Police Sgt. Danny Thompson at (775) 789-5429.



## Celebrating the Red, White and Blue Safely



It's time for Fourth of July celebrations—a backyard barbecue or maybe a trip to the beach or lake. Whatever you have planned, we want you to enjoy your holiday safely.

**FIREWORKS** Even though it may be legal to purchase fireworks in some locations outside of Washoe County, it is illegal to possess or use fireworks and/or pyrotechnics within Washoe County.

**GRILLING SAFETY** Every year people in this country are injured while using backyard charcoal or gas grills. Follow these steps to safely cook up treats for the backyard barbecue:

- Always supervise a barbecue grill when in use.
- Never grill indoors – not in your house, camper, tent, or any enclosed area.
- Make sure everyone, including the pets, stays away from the grill.
- Keep the grill out in the open, away from the house, the deck, tree branches, or anything that could catch fire.
- Use the long-handled tools especially made for cooking on the grill to keep the chef safe.
- Never add charcoal starter fluid when coals have already been ignited.

**BEACH/LAKE SAFETY** For recreationalists, the Sierra's offer an abundance of beautiful lakes and rivers.

- Keep alert for local wind, weather and water conditions. Check to see if any warning signs or flags are posted.
- Swim sober and always swim with a buddy.
- Sudden immersion in ice-cold water can cause hypothermia after only a few minutes, resulting in numbness and helplessness, and making self-rescue difficult. Be aware that hypothermia, the life threatening lowering of the body's core temperature, can occur even during summer months. We recommend wearing of personal flotation devices (life jackets) and wet suits for cold water lake activities.
- Have young children and inexperienced swimmers wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket at all times.
- Protect the neck – don't dive headfirst. Walk carefully into open waters.
- Keep a close eye and constant attention on children and adults while at the beach. Wave action can cause someone to lose their footing, even in shallow water.

**SUN PROTECTION** Limit exposure to direct sunlight between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., and wear a broad-spectrum sunscreen with a protection factor of at least 15. Reapply sunscreen often. Remember to drink plenty of water regularly, even if not thirsty. Avoid drinks with alcohol or caffeine in them. Protect the eyes by wearing sunglasses that will absorb 100 percent of UV sunlight. Protect the feet - the sand can burn them and glass and other sharp objects can cut them.

During hot weather, watch for signs of heat stroke—hot, red skin; changes in consciousness; rapid, weak pulse; rapid, shallow breathing. If it's suspected someone is suffering from heat stroke:

- Call 9-1-1 and move the person to a cooler place. Quickly cool the body by applying cool, wet cloths or towels to the skin (or misting it with water) and fanning the person. Watch for signs of breathing problems and make sure the airway is clear. Keep the person lying down.

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# Wildland Fire Season is Here

Wildland fires, such as the recent Hawken's Fire, can start and move very quickly. Here are a few steps you can take to help protect your family, home and property.

## Prevention is the key

Create defensible space a minimum of 100 feet out from your house, structures, and deck. It's essential to improve your home's chance of surviving a wildfire. It's the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surround it.

- Map out at least two routes out of your neighborhood.
- During a wildfire stay calm and keep family members and pets together.
- Wear long pants and long-sleeved shirts made of natural fibers, and boots or sturdy shoes for protection from the heat.
- If evacuation routes are blocked, and you must shelter in place, stay away from windows and move to an interior room or hallway. If the house catches fire you have time to get out.

## Evacuations

When disasters or emergencies strike, it could be unsafe for residents to remain in their homes. The amount of time you have to leave depends on the threat. Many disasters allow very little time to gather essentials, which is why planning ahead is important.

**Plan to Stay with a Loved One if Possible:** Know who you will stay with ahead of time. Consider which loved ones could assist you with your animals or special needs.

**Research Motels or Hotels in Advance: Call local hotels and motels within your area.** Check to see if they take pets in an emergency situation. Alert staff of any emergency medical care you might require when you check in. Check local news, public safety social media or contact 211 (this number is only activated in a declared emergency) to see if any local hotels offer discounts for evacuees.

**Make Transportation Arrangements in Advance:** Keep emergency kits and supplies in your car. If you don't have a car, ask friends and family if they can transport you during an evacuation. Make sure you have a backup plan in case your first choice is not possible. Develop a transportation plan for your animals.

**Emergency Shelters:** If staying with loved ones is not possible, you may need to go to an emergency shelter. Contact 211 or (775) 337-5800 if out of town (these numbers are only activated during a declared emergency) for information on where to go and to receive information regarding animal evacuations/shelters.

**Stay Alert to Evacuation Orders Issued by Local Officials:** If possible, evacuation orders will be broadcast on radio, television and on social media. Be alert for instructions and follow travel routes outlined by public safety authorities. Stay away from downed power lines.

**If You Must Evacuate, Follow Important Steps:** If possible tell an out-of-town contact person where you are going. If instructed to, have the water, electricity and gas turned off at the main switches in your home. Take a grab and go emergency kit which should include current medications, dentures, hearing aids, or other necessary items. Bring a change of clothes for every family member. Secure your home; close and lock doors and windows. And leave early enough to avoid being trapped.

**If You Have Time:** Decide which objects and keepsakes are most important to you in advance. Make a list of those cherished items and keep with important papers. When you're required to evacuate, all you have to do is check the list, grab those items and go.

**Develop a Pet/Animal Evacuation Plan:** In the event of a disaster and you must evacuate, the most important thing you can do for your pets is to evacuate them too. If you are away from home when your neighborhood is evacuated, you will not be allowed back to retrieve your pet, so make arrangements before disaster strikes.

For more information, go to [www.livingwithfire.info](http://www.livingwithfire.info)

**NOTE:** Click [HERE](#) for an aerial view of what the Hawken Fire fight looked like from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office RAVEN helicopter.



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## Social Media Highlights on @ WashoeSheriff

1. **Dangers of leaving a child unattended in a vehicle.** Every summer, heartbreaking and preventable deaths happen when children are left alone in hot cars. It is *never* okay to leave children or pets in a car; even with the windows rolled down. This month there was a lot of discussion on Facebook, including a live video event hosted by the Sheriff's Office, about this important issue. Click [HERE](#) to view the video and learn more about the dangers and laws relating to leaving your child unattended in a vehicle.
2. **Flume Trail Rescue.** RAVEN and our Hasty Team, Special Vehicles Unit, and Search and Rescue Team volunteers assisted the North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District with an injured bicyclist who had fallen over 25 feet from the Flume Trail into steep terrain above Sand Harbor. Click [HERE](#) to see the video courtesy of RAVEN Chief Pilot Deputy Doug Russell.
3. **Are y'all ready for a Reno Rodeo dance-off?** One of the Sheriff's Offices finest, Deputy Cola, had a little fun with officials at the Reno Rodeo. Click [HERE](#) to view on Facebook.
4. **The best kind of wingman...#WCSO** Deputies Jonathan Miller and Justine Delacy lend a hand to a mama goose and her baby goslings as she tried to cross the road. Click [HERE](#) to see the video.



Above: On the first day of summer, we found one young entrepreneur with some refreshing lemonade. Hot temperatures are in the forecast the next couple of weeks; stay hydrated (and support your local lemonade stand).