

Community Partnership Connection



Crossroads Program Wins National Award!

The Washoe County Crossroads Program - which helps the mentally ill, homeless and substance abusers - won Best of Category for Human Services at the 2016 National Association of Counties (NACo) annual conference this month in Long Beach, Calif. Washoe County was one of several nominees for the national achievement award but the only one to win Best of Category based on "exceptional results and unique innovations."

Crossroads is a benchmark housing program that assists local men and women in making a successful transition from substance abuse and homelessness to a productive and fulfilling lifestyle.

Since Crossroads' inception in 2011, the program has grown from six clients to currently housing more than 130. Crossroads saves the community more than \$15-18 million a year in jail bookings, encounters with first responders, emergency room/hospital costs, ongoing jail costs and treatment expenses.

Crossroads is a partnership between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Washoe County Social Services and Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. Click [HERE](#) to watch a short video about the Crossroads Program.

Crossroads by the Numbers:

- More than 600 clients served since inception in 2011
- Offers 151 beds, 20 of which are for veterans
- 102 days is the average length of stay at Crossroads
- 96 percent of residents volunteer in the community
- 25 percent have been reunited with family
- 100 percent of program participants are clean, sober and working toward their personal goals
- Saves taxpayers between \$15-18 million per year



Save the Date...Join us on September 29th for our Sheriff's Office Open House!

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office would like to cordially invite you, your family and friends to attend our WCSO Open House!

Thursday, September 29th
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.



Please join us for a fun and informative day to include walking tours throughout the facility and guided tours of our Forensic Sciences Division (Crime Lab) and Detention Facility (Adults 14 years and older). Look for more details in next month's Community Partnership Connection E-Newsletter.

10 Things You Will Want to Know As The Weather Heats Up!

High temperatures in your forecast?

Learn how to stay healthy in the heat.

When temperatures reach upward into the three digit range, the heat can not only feel uncomfortable but can affect your health. Here are ten things you can do to protect you and those you care about against extreme heat during the hottest summer months.

1. Drink plenty of water; even if you don't feel thirsty. Avoid drinks with caffeine. Persons who have epilepsy or heart, kidney, or liver disease; are on fluid-restricted diets; or have a problem with fluid retention should consult a doctor before increasing liquid intake.
2. **Never** leave children or pets alone in closed vehicles.
3. Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and who spend much of their time alone.
4. Check on your animals frequently to make sure they aren't suffering from the heat.
5. If you do not have air conditioning, choose places you could go to for relief from the heat during the warmest part of the day (libraries, theaters, malls).
6. Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun. Postpone outdoor games and activities.
7. Avoid strenuous work during the warmest part of the day. Use a buddy system when working in extreme heat, and take frequent breaks.
8. Dress in loose-fitting, lightweight, and light-colored clothes that cover as much skin as possible. Avoid dark colors because they absorb the sun's rays.
9. Protect face and head by wearing sunblock and a wide-brimmed hat.
10. Eat small meals and eat more often.

K9 Thor Retires

K9 Thor and handler Brandon Zirkle completed their three week narcotic detection training at Vohne Liche Kennels in Denver, Indiana in December of 2010. At the time Thor, a Labrador retriever, was the unit's only single purpose narcotic detection dog. He was purchased with money seized from drug smugglers. K9 Thor was assigned to a multi-agency interdiction task force where his primary job is to help locate criminals smuggling drugs and currency across the country. He has been instrumental in seizing thousands of pounds of narcotics traveling through the State of Nevada. After over six and a half years of dedicated service, K9 Thor retired this month, and will enjoy being with his family full-time.



Thor's first day



Then Deputy Brandon Zirkle with K9 Thor

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Records Section Will Reduce Hours on August 10th for Staff Training

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Records Section will be closed from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 10, 2016.

The Records Section will resume regular service at 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, August 11th.

Services that will be affected include:

- Work Permits
- CCW Permits
- Fingerprinting
- Public Records Requests
- Criminal History Requests
- Case Information Requests
- Detention Facility Booking Information
- Sex Offender and Felon Registrations
- Embassy Letters

The Sheriff's Office Front Desk and Civil Sections will both be open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on August 10.

Sheriff's Office staff would like to express appreciation to the public for their patience and understanding.



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1. **Where are those Pokémon?** While you are out playing Pokémon Go today, please remember to stay safe as you battle, train and capture your #Pokémon. Click [HERE](#) for some Pokémon safety tips.
2. **Prescription Drug Drop Box is WCSO Lobby.** You can get rid of unwanted prescription drugs by dropping them off at 911 Parr Blvd in Civil/Record Click [HERE](#) to review on Facebook.
3. **Fingerprints and Permit cards just got easier Incline!** Our #WCSO Incline substation was recently awarded a NvDPS grant which allowed us to purchase equipment designed to significantly reduce wait time on processing address changes, name changes, and replace lost or stolen permit card. Click [HERE](#) to view on Facebook. Thank you #NvDPS #byrnememorialjusticeassistancegrantprogram.
4. **Thank you for your Kindness.** We just wanted to say “thank you” again for all the flowers, balloons, food, cards, emails and phone calls we received from you. The men and women of the #WCSO have been very moved by your outpouring of support. Click [HERE](#) for more photos.

