

Community Partnership Connection



The Sheriff's Office is "Going Pink" in October!

Washoe County residents will see plenty of pink around the Sheriff's Office during the next month. Sheriff Chuck Allen has authorized all staff to wear pink throughout the month of October in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The Sheriff's Office also plans to enter a team in Reno's Race for the Cure on October 16. Team WCSO's captain is the Undersheriff, Susan Schilling, who has been actively involved in breast cancer awareness efforts since her mother was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1999.

Undersheriff Schilling's mother became cancer free after treatment. However, the Undersheriff's commitment to the cause is as strong as ever. "I believe breast cancer touches every person in our community," Undersheriff Schilling said. "The Sheriff's Office family is an intrinsic part of that community and we are proud to step up, in pink, to support a worldwide effort towards finding a cure."

The wearing of pink during October is a reminder for women everywhere to do all they can to detect cancer early, and a reminder for the community as a whole to do all we can to help fight this disease. "We must never give up searching for a cure," Undersheriff Schilling said.



4th Annual K9 Run October 1st

The fourth annual race to benefit the Washoe County Sheriff's Office K9 Unit will take place on October 1st!

Pre-registration available this Friday 3:30-7 p.m. You can also register the morning of the event. Saturday, October 1st 8 a.m., \$30 For additional information and registration go to www.renoringcompany.com.



L to R: D. Carlsen, Sun Valley ES Principal Prim Walters, Roxanne Spring, D. Demitropoulos, Esther Bennett ES Principal Gladis Dias, Lois Allen ES Principal Mischelle Bain and D. Hospodar

Our Sun Valley elementary school principals and their outreach deputies switched roles during the Washoe County School District Education Alliance "Principal (Deputy) for a Day" program on September 22nd.

Five of our Deputies volunteer 12-24 hours each month, reading, mentoring and teaching at all four Sun Valley and Incline elementary schools. During "Principal for a Day," they learned what it's like to be a Principal and the Principals learned what it was like to be a "Deputy for a Day."

Reminder! WCSO Open House September 29th

We hope you can join us for our Community Open House on **Thursday, September 29th from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

We encourage you to take a walking tour of our facility, where you will get an opportunity to meet our friendly and knowledgeable staff in Patrol, Records, Civil, Special Operations, Forensic Science, Detention, and much more.

We will also feature a walk-up display of the vehicles & equipment we use to keep our community safe.

Guided behind-the-scene tours (must be 14 years and older) will be offered in both our Forensic Sciences Division (Crime Lab) and Detention Facility.

We hope to see you there!



OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

10AM - 3PM

THE DAY FEATURES WALKING TOURS OF THE PATROL DIVISION, RECORDS AND CIVIL SECTIONS, AND SPECIAL OPERATIONS ALONG WITH DISPLAYS OF PATROL VEHICLES, RAVEN, SWAT, MARINE 9 AND OTHER EQUIPMENT USED BY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE WILL ALSO OFFER GUIDED BEHIND-THE-SCENE TOURS (MUST BE 14 YEARS AND OLDER) OF FORENSIC SCIENCES DIVISION (CRIME LAB) AND DETENTION FACILITY.

THE OPEN HOUSE IS FREE TO THE PUBLIC. NO RESERVATIONS NEEDED, JUST COME TO THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE LOCATED AT 911 PARR BOULEVARD ANY TIME BETWEEN 10:00 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE COMMUNITY RELATIONS AT (775) 785-6228.

Recent Burglaries in Spanish Springs a reminder of dangers of leaving doors unlocked and valuables in vehicles

Recent home and vehicle burglaries in the Spanish Springs area are a reminder of the dangers of leaving doors unlocked and valuable items in unsecured cars.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office reminds all residents that criminals often look for the easiest way to enter vehicles and homes and will target unlocked vehicles.

Garage door openers left in unsecure vehicles have been used to gain access to a residence, leaving homes open to potentially dangerous criminals.

Last week Washoe County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a report of suspicious subjects in the Spanish Springs area. As deputies were checking the area, they noticed four suspicious subjects get into a vehicle and begin to leave the area.

Deputies attempted to stop the vehicle but the driver of the vehicle refused to stop for the Deputies. Deputies eventually lost sight of the vehicle and were unable to continue pursuing the vehicle. Deputies returned to the area where they initially located the subjects on foot and discovered several vehicles in the neighborhood had been burglarized.

Deputies also found evidence that the subject, or subjects, retrieved a garage door opener from one of the vehicles, opened the garage to one of the residences, and stole several items from within the residence. The items taken from the home included several guns, which deputies later located in the area.

According to investigators, it appears that all the burglarized vehicles were left unlocked.

Steps residents may take to protect their vehicles and valuables include:

Lock your doors!

- Do not leave items in plain view in your vehicle.
- If parking outside, remove your garage door opener from your vehicle.
- Always take your keys with you.
- Don't leave your vehicle warming up in the drive way unattended.
- Report any suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

"RAT Pack" volunteers: trained and ready to help keep area railways safe

Dozens of Washoe County Sheriff's Office Citizen Corps members just became the Sheriff's Office new "RAT Pack," a team of volunteers specially trained to provide additional safety and security for local railway infrastructure.

RAT (Rail Auxiliary Team) Pack volunteers completed their instruction this month with some hands-on training, using mock rail cars located at the Regional Public Safety Training Center. Following the training, the volunteer were awarded their RAT Pack pins and badges.

"Trains carrying people, and products ranging from coal to computers rumble through Reno twenty-four/seven, three hundred and sixty five days a year," according to Rich Gent, a railroad safety and security advocate who developed and taught the RAT Pack's training. "Keeping these trains moving is vital to our National and local economy."

Rail Auxiliary Team members are all active volunteers with the Sheriff's Office Citizen Corps, their RAT Pack training included topics such as:

- how to report trespassers on railroad property
- basic railroad operations
- worldwide railroad terrorism events
- railroad safety
- suicide awareness for railroad operations.

"The Rail Auxiliary Team will help augment local law enforcement who deal with these situations with trained eyes and ears, plus the group has the training to provide the railroad with rail specific locations of people or things on their property so that they may take appropriate action," Gent said.

Gent said the suicide prevention component of the training, taught by the Nevada State Suicide Prevention Coordinator, is part of what makes the new RAT Pack so cutting edge.

He suggested the public review the Nevada Operation Lifesaver public safety awareness program for important information about trespassing on railroad property and railroad crossing safety.



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1. **#WCSOProud- Deputy Eubanks:** The Deputy who made a dramatic save of a suicidal inmate earlier this year, with help from several inmate workers, was one of nearly 50 WCSO staff, volunteers and community members recognized at our annual awards ceremony. Click [HERE](#) to view the lifesaving video.
2. **“Get out of jail FREE” Tip:** Clearing warrants prior to coming to the Sheriff’s Office. Click [HERE](#)
3. **In honor of 911:** The Latin American Chamber of Business paid tribute to local first responders as part of the Fiesta en el Sands Regency. Members of the Sheriff’s Office Honor Guard took part in a multi-agency color guard and Sheriff Allen was on hand to present Certificates of Appreciation. Click [HERE](#)
4. **Tip A Pet!** The Sheriff’s Office partnered with the Nevada Humane Society to support local pets in need.
5. **#WCSOProud- Deputy Westphal:** Deputy Mike Westphal recently participated in the 4th annual Battle at the Marina Strongman (person) competition to raise funds for Reno High School’s Athletics program. Deputy Westphal lifted the car 29 times! Click [HERE](#) to view the video.
6. **Snow Day:** Students from Van Gorder Elementary School and the Washoe County Sheriff’s Office Search and Rescue volunteers made their annual trek up to the Mt. Rose summit and found themselves caught in the middle of a September snowstorm. A reminder that if you are heading out to the Sierra wilderness, be prepared for sudden changes in the weather! Photo [HERE](#)



Sheriff Allen decorates a bowl for auction during this year’s Empty Bowls event supporting the Community Food Pantry.