

WASHOE COUNTY HONORARY DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION, INC.

An IRS 501(c) (3) non-profit association

“Honoring Those Who Honor Us”

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Confidential Application for Appointment

A Special Message from Sheriff Darin Balaam and the Officers and Board of Directors

Thank you for inquiring about becoming a member of the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "WCHDSA." As the duly-elected Sheriff of Washoe County, State of Nevada, I have joined with the officers and directors of the WCHDSA to harness the experience, effort and resources of our citizens to assist the Sheriff's Office in pursuing an unprecedented modernization and improvement program designed to anticipate and meet the demands for effective and efficient law enforcement generated by the growing number of residents and visitors to our Truckee Meadows.

Founded in 2001 with the assistance of a few forward thinking residents of Washoe County willing to lend their individual and collective time, knowledge and resources, the WCHDSA is a prestigious organization of business and community leaders hailing from all walks of life and socio-economic statuses who – as a unifying characteristic – share a dedication to supporting law enforcement countywide. As a non-profit and non-political organization, the WCHDSA occupies a unique and pivotal role as an ally of the Sheriff's Office and the county's two municipal police departments. Our joint law enforcement missions are advanced by inter-agency cooperation with our sister law enforcement agencies to utilize the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Forensic Science Laboratory and Detention Facility.

As the Sheriff, I personally commission all of the members who apply – and are selected – for membership in our service group, but it is you – the members of the WCHDSA - who provide the driving force in selecting the details as to where your knowledge, skills, abilities and financial backing can be most effective in expanding and improving our ability to protect the well-being and safety of our residents and visitors. The by-laws established by the members set limits for membership at 1,000 as well as the conditions of membership, dues and other matters.

While the WCHDSA operates much like service clubs such as Kiwanis or Rotary, it never loses sight of its primary mission. Important WCHDSA programs include: law enforcement training activities, as we identify and annually train our agency's future leaders in the latest in management theory and practice at Harvard University's Senior Management Institute Program, annually send rising commissioned officers to the Southern Police Institute for training in regard to the evolving theory and practice of law enforcement techniques and practices; funding the purchase of the latest technological advances in software, hardware and law enforcement equipment that would otherwise not be available within the constraints of our existing budget; and funding annual programs to sprinkle funds to proactively address the underlying societal needs of our area, including funding the purchase of school supplies, clothing and basic needs for the less fortunate in our community, including Shop with the Sheriff, the Fourth Street Corridor Programs, the Boys' and Girls' Club, CAAW, Safe Ride and various other worthy local charities that similarly support keeping our residents involved in the betterment of the community.

The membership meets quarterly around the third Wednesday of January, April, July and October, with the meetings being either lunch or dinner affairs. This Office attempts to schedule these quarterly meetings at local civic and public facilities that have historic or other significant culture interest as well as at the various facilities operated by this Office.

At each of these meetings, the membership is treated to "insider" briefings on what is really happening in criminal justice, and is provided the opportunity to see the latest in weaponry, safety equipment, technology and facilities, including our world-recognized Forensic Science Laboratory and Regional Intelligence Center. From these exposures and briefings our membership shares in our mission and our quest to anticipate and address the evolving demands on law enforcement and are left with the satisfying feeling of knowing that they are indispensable to our mission of protecting the citizens and providing for public safety and the safety of our personnel.

Please join in these on-going efforts and commit to being an active participant of our dedicated and prestigious organization by completing and submitting the attached application. Should you have any questions or require any additional information please contact us at the telephone and facsimile numbers indicated or by writing to me at the address shown on the letter of this application packet.

Three personal references: In addition to completing this section, please submit a letter of reference from each, including your sponsor's.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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List any community organizations, fraternal organizations, service clubs, or similar charitable or service groups in which you are an active member or past member. Include offices or positions held.

Organization

Office/Position Held

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

List any languages you write, speak, or read fluently: _____

List any special skills you possess or that may assist law enforcement:

List any special equipment you possess or have available to assist law enforcement:

Briefly describe specifically how you intend to contribute to the WCHDSA efforts to support law enforcement:

Request for Appointment and Agreement

(Please read carefully before signing)

I hereby request appointment by Sheriff Darin Balaam as a Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff for the specific purposes of maintaining an active membership in the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association [WCHDSA] and supporting/promoting effective law enforcement for Washoe County and for no other purpose. At the present time, the Association is not accepting membership applications by out-of-state applicants or applications for membership at the rank of Deputy Sheriff.

I agree to maintain active membership in WCHDSA by promptly paying all dues upon notice, attending at least half of the general membership meetings held during the year, supporting all WCHDSA functions and complying with the articles, by-laws, and such policies of the WCHDSA as the Officers and the Board of Directors may prescribe.

I fully understand and agree that my appointment and membership does not confer any peace officer authority, does not entitle me to carry a concealed weapon, does not entitle me to use my identification card or badge to collect debts, establish credit, or attempt to gain any personal advantage whatsoever. ***I further acknowledge that my membership does not permit me to create, purchase, lease or otherwise obtain, use and/or sell any logo, badge, insignia or other identification using the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff badge, or legend identifying the wearing as being associated with the Association or the Washoe County Sheriff's Office.***

I further understand and agree that if appointed, I will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will not reflect adversely upon the Sheriff, the department, the law enforcement profession, or the WCHDSA.

I also fully understand and agree that my appointment can be revoked by the Board of Directors or Sheriff for good cause shown. My WCHDSA badge and identification remains the property of the Sheriff and the WCHDSA. I agree that I will promptly surrender either or both upon demand by the Sheriff or the Board of Directors of the WCHDSA.

I hereby grant permission to Sheriff Darin Balaam and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to conduct an inquiry into my background to determine my suitability for appointment.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Signature of Sponsor or Recommender

Date

Print Name of Sponsor

Please send all mail to: Home Business Email

All applicants must include three letters of recommendation, including one from the sponsor.

Office Use Only

Application received by: _____ **Date** _____

Letters of Reference:

#1 Received by: _____ Date: _____

#2 Received by: _____ Date: _____

#3 Received by: _____ Date: _____

Applicant interview conducted by Membership Committee:

Interviewer's Name: _____ Date: _____

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Recommendation of Membership Committee:

Approved

Disapproved

Chairman's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Reviewed by Board of Directors:

Approved

Disapproved

Other Action Explain: _____

President's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Background Investigation:

Completed by: _____ Date: _____

Applicant notified by: _____ Date: _____

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The goal of the Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Association is to promote the needs of the Washoe County Sheriff's Office for community support and funding that is not addressed by existing resources. Funding is made from membership dues and voluntary donations. These funds allow the Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide state of the art equipment and training for our law enforcement officers, and will assist Washoe County to remain a leader in law enforcement training and the delivery of law enforcement services to the residents and visitors to Washoe County.

The Association meets quarterly around the third Wednesday in the months of January, April, July and October. The meetings are either lunch or dinner affairs with at least one held at the Regional Public Safety and Training Center to allow members who are interested in firing their firearm or an agency firearm to participate in that unique experience. At the range, the Association pays for the fee of staffing the range and firing the weapons. At the quarterly meetings, new members are introduced, funding requests are reviewed together with the state of our finances and a presentation made on one of the various aspects of the complexity of modern law enforcement programs or facilities.

The Association uses a LEVEL OF GIVING PROGRAM, which features the ranks of Honorary Deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant, Captain and Chief Deputy. A distinctive feature of the Association is that members, after joining, can elect to upgrade their membership level at any time in the future. Membership dues, in addition to supporting our law enforcement efforts, include the cost for the quarterly meetings, a membership plaque and Washoe County Honorary Deputy Sheriff's Badge and Badge Case. A schedule of these ranks, including the initial and annual membership fees are as follows:

<u>Membership Rank</u>	<u>Initial Fee</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u> <u>Commencing Year 2</u>
Chief Deputy	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00
Captain	\$1,000.00	\$ 750.00
Lieutenant	\$ 750.00	\$ 500.00
Sergeant	\$ 500.00	\$ 375.00
Deputy	\$ 275.00 (Closed)	\$ 250.00

Community Support for Effective Law Enforcement
As Diverse as the People We Serve