



The A.P. Bulletin

Metro Volunteer Program

A Fond Farewell

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers and especially Sharon Harding for the chance to have worked with the greatest human spirit under the sun, the Metro Volunteer Program. It has been my pleasure to have watched as the program has evolved from a partnership within the Department to a partnership within the community. I will be leaving the Recruitment and Retention position to join the DARE team, but I take with me wonderful memories and moments shared with volunteers who I admire and have learned much from. I know the program will be in great hands with my successor Sergeant Tim Kelly and Sharon's gentle guidance. I look forward to watching the program grow and I wish each and every one of you the very best from my heart.



Respectfully,
Richard "Skip" Siefert,
 Sgt, Recruitment & Retention

What Is ICS?

ICS stands for Incident Command System. It is the system used for commanding, controlling and coordinating the efforts of individual agencies as they work towards the common goal of stabilizing an emergency in an effort to protect life, property and environment. Nevada has adopted ICS as its standard for responding to all types of incidents. This response system is used whether it's a major accident (such as a HazMat spill), a minor incident (such as a house fire), or a major disaster (such as a flood or terrorist attack). Regardless of the size of the incident or number of agencies involved, all incidents require a coordinated effort to ensure an effective response and the efficient, safe use of resources.

A volunteer who may be deployed to assist with a local incident, would work in an ICS environment. It would benefit you to understand the ICS organizational structure and the key management principles.

You may complete a self-study, online course at the

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following site: <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is195.asp>. If you do not have a computer, arrangements can be made for you to view this course online at the Volunteer Office

I hope you will take time to at least review the online material. The ICS concept is used to manage all types of projects. Maybe you have one that would benefit from its principles! If you complete the course online please include those hours in your volunteer time. We appreciate the time you spend being prepared for an emergency.



I Love Being A Volunteer!

By Derek Jenkins

“What a great experience I am having with the MVP of the LVMPD. I got interested in the MVPs about six months ago when I found out about the program through recruiters. I then thought to myself “WOW” – how great it would be to get involved with the MVPs, since I have future plans to become a corrections officer.



I went further and was introduced to Sharon Harding, MVP Coordinator. What a great lady and a very professional individual. After my initial meeting with her I had an appointment with a background investigator, Mr. Frank Lewis. He did my interview and told me what I needed to do; fingerprints and necessary paper work. He also told me it would be four

to five months before I would hear back from Metro. Well, I finally cleared my background check, received my orientation and got my uniform. I began the VIVA program on the Las Vegas Boulevard Strip. I met a gentleman named Frank Rute. Frank is an interesting guy. He retired as a captain from the Santa Fe Police after 26 years. He is a wealth of information about law enforcement etiquette.

I then had a schedule to work the VIVA patrol on assigned days. Frank and I on every patrol meet the tourists who are the livelihood of our community. We assist them in their needs and, as Ms. Harding has directed us, we are another set of eyes and ears for the Department. Most of the time people will come up to us and ask “Where is the Mirage, Tropicana, the next bus stop” or similar inquiry.

Some people will actually thank us for being there for additional safety. A few vendors say the same.

Well, it’s a great experience and I really enjoy working with the Volunteer Program. I recommend it to anyone who is interested in joining LVMPD. Eventually when I am an officer, I’ll look back on the days when I did the VIVA Program and recall the

pleasure of service.

I recently did a tour of the Clark County Detention Center’s facilities. Lt. Reece accompanied me and I was able to realize how many people in Metro are not only professional about their job but also quite caring. Now I know how great Metro is from the recruiters to the Sheriff. It’s the teamwork that makes it an excellent Department and the fifth largest in our nation. The MVP program is a great experience for anyone who cares about the community!

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Volunteer Opportunities

- July 22nd CPR class 6 to 10 p.m.
- August 5th- August 12th International Police & Fire Games
- August 8th Houston Gunners vs LA Heat Football game to benefit the Injured Police Officers Fund
- Weekday clerical position at Detention Services
- Weekday clerical position at Health & Safety
- Weekday clerical position at Payroll
- Weekday position at Mounted Police Unit
- Call our office at 229-5609 or e-mail us (s5068h@lvmpd.com) for more details.

Crime Prevention & McGruff Programs!

By Rochelle Kennard

In 1991 my husband and I bought a home in the northwest area of Las Vegas, Nevada. In 1992 I walked around my circle of homes and met with the neighbors and asked them if they were interested in having the Neighborhood Watch Program on the block. Most of the neighbors were receptive to the idea of having the program. So I contacted the Crime Prevention Office of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department. I spoke with a Larry Baxter who was the Crime Prevention Specialist at the time. I made some arrangements for him to come and do a presentation before my neighbors on the Neighborhood Watch Program. I had ten of my neighbors attend the first meeting. After the presentation was over I was given the title of Block Captain for my circle. I would hold monthly meetings at my home and invite a few police officers from the Northwest Area Command to attend the monthly meetings. During my time as Block Captain, I went through the Citizens Police Academy at the Department's Mojave Training Center. It was a twelve week class and each class lasted three hours. I

learned how hard the police work to protect our community. After being Block Captain for six years I gave it up. Then I started with the McGruff program. This program is more involved then just going out and dressing up as McGruff. As a McGruff handler you get to interact with the kids and give them coloring books and deputize them as junior police officers. My reward as a handler is the excitement and happiness I see in the children's faces when they first spot McGruff. Robert & I truly enjoy working with the McGruff program.



CERT Training

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Program certified 27 trainees including 17 Metro Volunteers. This is the first certification of its kind in Laughlin. Immediately following the presentation, CERT held a mock disaster at the American Legion Post 60.

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Player's Club Members

Three cheers for our most dedicated volunteers who have gone "above & beyond" their required four hours per week volunteer commitment. We salute these Player's Club Members for June, 2004.

Silver Club Players ..

- Jane Murphy (28 hours)
- Margaret Priest (32 hours)
- Barbara Mitchell (32 hours)
- Dorothy Sundquist (46 hours)
- John Phillips (42 hours)
- John Murphy (27 hours)
- Mary Ponton (28 hours)
- Art Adams (41 hours)
- Earl Beach (36 hours)
- Joseph Silvas (39 hours)
- Dan D'Elia (37 hours)
- Art Kolb (30 hours)
- Dorothy Lewis (31 hours)
- Jesse Lewis (31 hours)
- John Grieco (27 hours)
- Regem Heliste (35 hours)

Gold Club Players

- Bruno Villa (70 hours)
- Bruce Bacon (73 hours)
- George Danko (56 hours)
- Dick Bennett (66 hours)
- Robert Burton (66 hours)

Diamond Club Players

- Ruth Pekar (79 hours)
- Murray Weinstein (76 hours)
- Rick Meade (87 hours)
- Bob Hoban (80 hours)
- Judy Smith (80 hours)
- John Moses (80 hours)

Centurions

- Stanley Pekar (118 hours)
- Eber Priest (103 hours)
- Beverly Bowman (109 hours)
- John Martine (108 hours)
- Barbara Hayward (129 hours)
- Marc Zuckerman (109 hours)



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Members of CERT are trained in basic self-help and mutual-aid emergency functions. This training includes disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, and disaster psychology. Our own MVP Pat Ketterer was among the graduates and he has been named the community's incident commander. He has even been selected by FEMA to travel to Maryland in August and receive extensive CERT training so he can be certified as an instructor. MVP Laughlin CERT graduates include Bob Borner, Ben Bacchi, Dan D'Elia, Paul Fordham, John

Grieco, Pat Ketterer, Russ Owen, Pat Owen, Art Kolb, Dorothy Lewis, Jesse Lewis, Margaret McNamara, Mel Ramos, Michael M. Scott, Robert Schureheck, Eldon Thayer, and Stanley Wohlfeld.

This CERT training is only a small part of the training received by Laughlin's Search and Support Team. These MVPs have received training in desert survival, in evidence preservation techniques when conducting a search, and in man tracking.

They have conducted body searches in the water and on the ground under the direction of Sgt. Jones. They have even conducted night searches with the help of air support. We salute our Laughlin MVPs for their dedication and commitment to making a difference in our community.

