



# The All Points Bulletin

## Metro Volunteer Program

### “Metro Volunteers Do Time in the Clark County Detention Center”

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When most people think of jail, popular images found in the media come to mind. These images usually depict desperate people housed in primitive conditions, danger, hostility, and violence (negative images, for the most part). During the month of October, a group of Metro volunteers found out otherwise by providing much needed

assistance in the training of Corrections Academy class 2-2004. In the past, the Corrections Academy staff have relied exclusively on incumbent staff, both civilian and commissioned, to accomplish role-playing exercises. These exercises are an extremely important part of the new officer’s training, as it provides them with a much needed opportunity to put into practice the numerous skills they have received over the course of the academy.

This time around we felt that it would give the exercises an added measure of realism if we could utilize “citizens,”

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### The MVP Volunteers and Salvation Army: Two Fine Organizations Working Together to Help People in Need

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Since 1946, The Salvation Army has been serving the people of Southern Nevada. In those days with the small population of Nevada, people

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Detention - Continued from page 1 (regular folk that wouldn't morph into the "uber inmates" that Corrections Officers often become when they get to play the role of inmate). Our goal was to have the volunteers act as "normal" inmates, talking and joking, while our select group of officer-inmates acted as the trouble makers.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, our group of volunteers received training which included a comprehensive tour of the facility and a review of the "rules of engagement" (no, they would not be handcuffed, pepper-sprayed or subject to physical restraint). The training session was followed by a practice session on October 26<sup>th</sup> and the graded (for the recruits) exercise on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

Little did we know the power of the CCDC inmate uniform to change a normally law-



approved by Command Staff and was shown at the graduation of class 2-2004. I have asked Sgt. Peralta to forward a copy to Sharon to share with you, as a number of volunteers are featured prominently. Have a happy holiday season and thanks again!



### Upcoming Classes:

- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes begin Thursday, January 6, at the Henderson Fire Training Center 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m. for six weeks.
- Site Coordinator's Meeting on Thursday, January 13, at 10 a.m. at 101 Convention Center Dr.
- CERT classes begin Tuesday, January 25, at the Recreation Center of the City of Henderson 6 p.m.-9:30 p.m. for six weeks.
- Handicap Parking Instruction Class on Friday, January 28, at 8 a.m. at 861 N. Mojave.
- How To Spot a Pickpocket and Enhance Your Observation Skills Class on Saturday, January 29, 8 a.m. to noon at 861 N. Mojave.
- Additional CERT PRACTICE DRILLS offered for those who have already completed CERT on Saturday, February 26, 8:00 a.m. to noon at 861 North Mojave.



abiding member of the community into a sneaky, conniving inmate, willing to try the patience of our recruits. Our mild-mannered group of citizens was transformed by the influence of the situation and the role they felt they were expected to play. (Anybody remember Phillip Zimbardo's prison experiment?) While aiding and abetting our officer-inmate role players-our volunteers had become the dreaded "uber inmate" before our very eyes! Needless to say, a good time was had by all and I think we all learned something during these exercises. Captain Mikel Holt, Sgt. Peralta and I would like to express our gratitude to the volunteers participating in this exercise and extend an invitation to participate in our next role-playing exercises sometime in 2005.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those of you that assisted in the filming of our new graduation videotape. The tape has since been



## Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer needed at General Services located at Stewart/Mojave to answer phones, follow up on work orders, make copies, assist window customers, organize files, sort mail and help with special projects. The hours are between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

- Volunteer with construction background needed in General Services to schedule preventative maintenance appointments between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday.

- Volunteer needed in Mounted Patrol Unit to help clean and feed police horses and barn Tuesday-Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m..

- Volunteer needed in Information Technologies located at City Hall to do data entry, file and answer phones Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Volunteers needed to help develop Homeland Security Academy curriculum for MVPs.

- Retired certified English teacher (volunteer) needed to teach classroom seminars for English grammar and punctuation usage, writing skills, vocabulary skills, and basic communication of the written

word.

- Energetic volunteers needed to assist with crafts classes, ceramic classes, and computer classes at the Blind Center of Nevada. Volunteers also needed to help with the bowling leagues on Monday.



## Monkey Man

By Jerry Julius

I was born in London, England and experienced the bombing of London in World War II. I came to the United States in 1948 aboard the Queen Elizabeth and lived in Chicago for twenty-five years.

I thought of no better profession than to be a teacher and received my teaching certificate after serving in the army. I moved to Tucson, Arizona in 1972. While in Tucson I volunteered to be McGruff for several years. There is no better reward than to see the childrens' faces light up when they see him, because they know McGruff represents safety and fighting crime.

When I retired from teaching in December 1994, after spending forty-three years in education, and began living in the Las Vegas area, I decided to do McGruff again. I took the police training program. I have been to many schools as McGruff. I believe it is extremely important that

children understand how to live safely physically, socially and emotionally in our community.

Now I still go into the schools to present safety programs and I take my McGruff puppet to emphasize safety to the students. I also consider bicycle safety to be extremely important because today's safe bicyclist will be tomorrow's safe driver.

In addition to the McGruff presentations, I also do programs on reading, World War II, classical literature, immigration, women in America, knights, castles, various holidays such as Halloween, Thanksgiving, Valentine's Day and many others. I do these programs working with two chimpanzee puppets named Chico and Do. The children love these puppets and I am known as the "Monkey Man".



## Get In the GAME

Starting in January every volunteer who works a special event will be allowed to select a card from our deck. At our Appreciation Luncheon in 2005 the MVP with the best poker hand gets a SURPRISE. The more events you work the better your chances of getting the glorified royal flush. So get in the game and get involved.

As the volunteer coordinator, I will never supply your name to a non-profit organization as a potential contributor. If you are contacted by a non-profit organization to contribute money and they tell you that I gave them the information, please do not pledge money and contact me immediately to provide me with the details. Even though we provide volunteers for many worthwhile organizations, the Metro Volunteer Program does not solicit funds for any non-profit agencies.

Please report any changes to your phone number, address, or e-mail to the Volunteer Services Office at 229-5609.

Remember each volunteer is responsible for submitting their own volunteer hours including special events. These time sheets can be e-mailed to me directly at [s5068h@lvmpd.com](mailto:s5068h@lvmpd.com). Thank you for volunteering. We appreciate your commitment to service.



## MVPs Assist Blind Center

For the second year in a row MVPs have assisted the Blind Center of Nevada with making gift baskets that are sold to the community as a major fund raiser for their organization. This year 2000 baskets were created and are being sold for \$59 or \$89 depending on the basket selected. Volunteering at the Center was a real "eye opener" for us because we got a chance to see the daily challenges disabled people experience that we take for granted.

The Blind Center of Nevada, a non-profit organization, is dedicated to assisting blind and visually impaired persons of all ages in reaching their highest physical, social intellectual and economic potential. The Center is the dream of F. Marion Keele, who became blind at the age of 38 and went on to attend the Utah

Blind Center in Salt Lake City. Marion learned to teach Braille, rug weaving, leather and other hand crafts. Upon Marion's death in 1955, one of his students, Audrey Bascom Tait, brought his dream to life. Audrey convinced the Lion's Club to build the two room building to continue their teachings.

The Center is open to anyone who has experienced vision loss. Participants range in age from 14 years old to the late 80's. They offer a wide range of classes including: computer, Braille, dance, music, exercise, water aerobics, arts and crafts. They also provide outings to ball games, outdoor theaters, picnics, camping in the local mountains, bowling, shopping excursions and luncheons. If you have an expertise that you want to share please call 229-5609 to get connected to a new volunteer opportunity.



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helping during the Christmas holiday numbered in the low 100's. This year, 2004, The Salvation Army has reached a new high in service to the community with 13,000 needy children being part of the Christmas Angel program. Currently, The Salvation Army serves over 200 families per day in its Family Service Division alone. This service includes distributing food, giving thrift store vouchers, counseling, assisting parents with baby sitting needs, and offering many more services needed by those less fortunate. Over 500 people per day sleep at the Homeless Campus and over 1,000 meals a day are served to individuals and families in need.

With Christmas being such an important part of the year, The Salvation Army needs hundreds of volunteers to

serve in a variety of ways. One of the most important is the annual Christmas toy distribution at Cashman Field. Last year for the first time, the Metro Volunteer Program sent volunteers to Cashman Field. These volunteers were helping people with directions, helping with proper line management, assisting people to their cars with presents, and keeping the event running smoothly. Last year was the best-run toy distribution to date, in no small way due to



the help of the Metro volunteers. Mayor Oscar Goodman spent considerable time with the MVP members, thanking them and posing for pictures, as did other members of City, State, and Federal offices.

This year, 13,000 children received presents from the Christmas Angel program. Over 25 Metro volunteers participated in this event and their presence insured the event ran smoothly. Each year with your assistance, the event has been more successful. We appreciate these volunteer's commitment to service and we are proud of our partnership with MVP.



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**Player’s Club  
 Members**

Even the holidays couldn’t stop our volunteers from donating over 3,629 hours to our Department for the month of November for a value of \$58,629. These volunteers were our top contributors. Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted us and made a difference in our community.

**Silver Club: (25+ Hours)**

- Pat Adams ..... 27
- Dick Bennett ..... 46
- Ed Bower ..... 36
- Joe Charest ..... 30
- Ted Dobrich ..... 29
- Stanley Flieschman ..... 40
- Tom Foselli ..... 30
- Dave Friedman ..... 49
- Joyce Hammond ..... 39
- Morris Haskins ..... 42
- Jerry Julius ..... 34

**Gold Club: (50+ Hours)**

- Iris Knight ..... 32
- Dottie Lewis ..... 32
- Jesse Lewis ..... 32
- Jane Murphy ..... 34
- John Murphy ..... 40
- Art Nelson ..... 29
- Lisa Olquin ..... 26
- Mary Ponton ..... 26
- Margaret Priest ..... 44
- Mel Ramos ..... 25
- Robert Schurheck ..... 28
- Art Kolb ..... 67
- Joe Langenberger ..... 55
- Kevin Parque ..... 73
- Jerry Phillips ..... 50
- Dorothy Sundquist ..... 53
- Bruno Villa ..... 60

**Diamond Club: (75+ Hours)**

- Bruce Bacon ..... 86
- George Danko ..... 88
- Bob Hoban ..... 84
- John Moses ..... 80
- Stanley Pekar ..... 92

- Eber Priest ..... 86
  - Judy Smith ..... 80
- Centurions: (100+ Hours)**
- Barbara Hayward ..... 138
  - John Martine ..... 111
  - Rick Meade ..... 143
  - Mark Zuckerman ..... 107



*Happy New Year!*