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SWAC Recognizes Their MVPs

by Marc Zuckerman,
Site Supervisor

We are grateful to Captain Tavaroz and Sgt. Opbendyk for recognizing the value of our MVPs writing handicap parking citations. They are authorizing the use of a department vehicle for these volunteers when they are on assignment. Thank you for your continuous support.

After years of unsuccessfully trying to get the use of department vehicles approved for use by handicap parking enforcement, I finally had given the idea up as a lost cause. I realized that I was

hitting a stone wall and that it was never going to happen.

Out of the blue, to my amazement, Sgt. Opbendyk came to me last September while I was at the station. He asked if I would like to use the unmarked cars when we go on handicap parking patrol. After regaining my composure, I said "YES!" We discussed the idea with Captain Tavaroz and the proposal was enacted. We revised the Department manual to allow volunteers to drive department vehicles within the scope of their volunteer assignment and approved by their chain of command.

On December 30th, 2004, eight Metro volunteers went to the speedway where Metro has its drivers training school and

attended their EVOC course. We were shown how to put our cars through some serious maneuvers (some of which were quite dramatic, while some were docile). We were certified as Metro drivers and my dream was finally coming to fruition. On January 6th, 2005, I actually checked out the first car for our handicap parking patrol and all went well.

As a result, we are also being considered for the job of moving Metro vehicles throughout the valley for servicing. This is another way for MVP to assist our Department.



Our Laughlin Partners Honored

At the Annual Colorado River Security Chiefs Meeting on January 16th, 2005, we honored both Joel Barrez, Marketing Director of Riverside Resort and Kevin McNair, Marketing Director of Avi Resort and Casino, when



Lt. Smitley presented plaques of appreciation from Sheriff Young for their enthusiastic



support of the Metro Volunteer Program. Both resorts provided complimentary two night

stays and dinners to help us thank our volunteers for their contributions to our Department. We appreciate our community partners recognizing the difference Metro volunteers are making in our community. Thank you both for your unwavering commitment to our volunteers.



Plaza Desk Answer Man

A special thanks to Joe Di Pierro for his unwavering dedication and commitment to volunteering for our Department. Joe has been an icon at the Plaza Desk for over five years. He loves serving people and is often amazed by the desk sergeant's patience. He believes the desk sergeant always goes above and beyond to assist people with their challenges. Joe helps about 70% of those people who come to get help from the desk sergeant. He has an average of 50 contacts per shift. Joe has been

presented with both a Certificate of Appreciation for volunteering 1000 hours and a five year pin.

After the Korean War, Joe left the Navy and moved to Las Vegas. When he arrived in 1955 the Rivera, eight stories high, was known as the "high in the sky". His first job was as a news photographer for the Las Vegas Sun. Back then people were not sure if Las Vegas was a "boom or bust". Throughout the years Joe wore many different hats. He was a Mercury security guard, taxi driver and food server. Even though he continues to work part time at the Indoor Swap Meet, he still has time to pursue his hobbies of chess, photography and magic. When he volunteered to be a prisoner at the Corrections Academy, he kept us entertained with his card tricks. I'm still wondering how he always knew what card I had chosen.



Stan's Stats

Among statisticians there is a saying that figures don't lie, but liars can figure. However the following is fact (as I see it). Where did we go this last year? We all kept so busy that we must have gone somewhere. I'll try my best to break down our toil for the year of 2004. There were 440 applications submitted. Of those applications submitted 193 interviews were conducted by Sharon Harding and myself. Two were disqualified at their first interview because they were not American citizens. Eighty-six applicants scheduled a background interview and 64 successfully

completed the process and became Metro volunteers.

We also had volunteers that left the program for the following reasons:

- 11 people moved out of state
- 2 people died
- 7 people became employees of LVMPD
- 5 people had a serious illness
- 72 people were removed because of lack of participation
- 1 person was dismissed because of misconduct

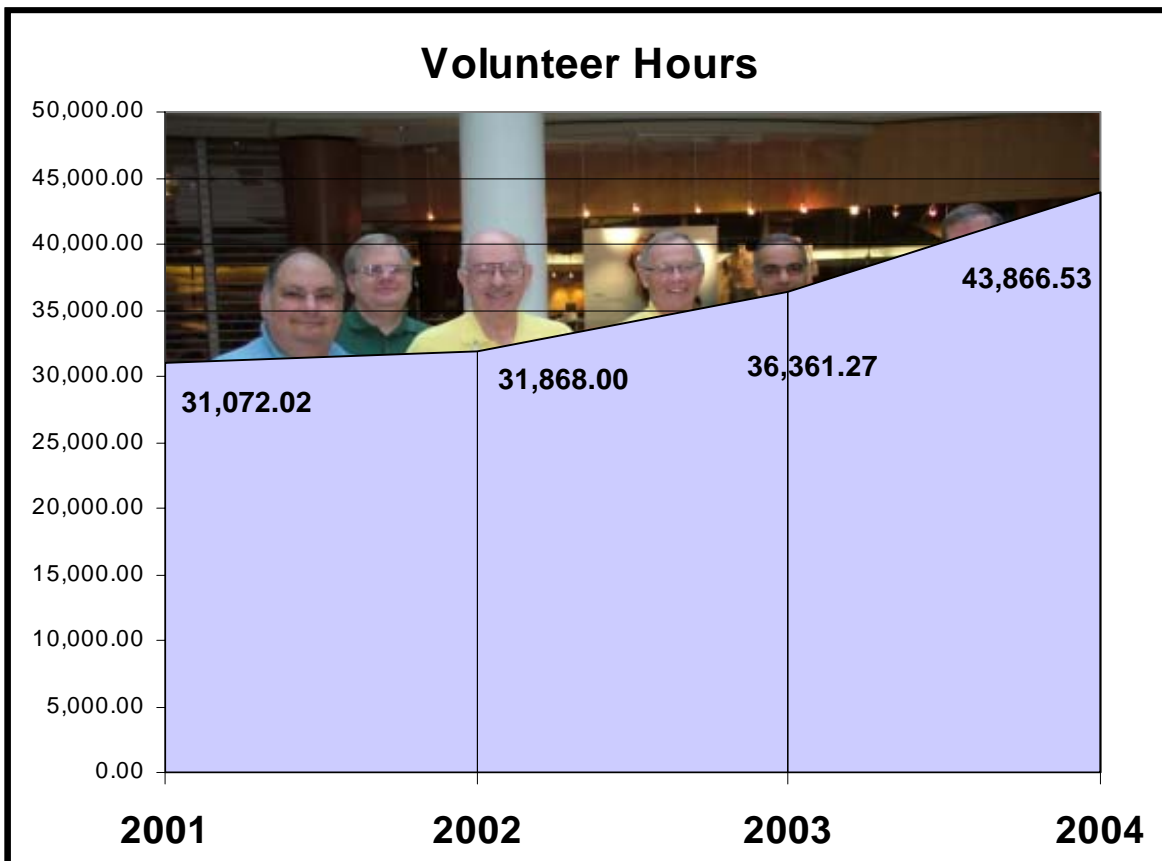
We currently have 278 volunteers.

What have our active Metro volunteers accomplished in 2004? We participated in 25 special events in the

community including MDA Executive Lock Ups, Corporate Challenge, PGA Golf Tournament, Juvenile Diabetes Denim and Diamonds, Angel Tree Toy Distribution and Westcare's 5 K Fun Walk. We created new partnerships with Goodwill Industries of Southern Nevada, Red Cross and Community Organizations Active in Disasters (COAD). The McGruff Kennel Club was active with 29 engagements (bow wow).

The Handicap Parking Enforcement Teams wrote in excess of 1260 county tickets and 1070 city tickets. During this time they accumulated

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5,920 hours which converts to a value of \$96,375 to our community.

The combined efforts of our Visitor Information Visitor Assistance (VIVA) Patrols made thousands of contacts with the visitors to our fair city and our local citizens. A breakdown of their efforts are as follows:

- Fremont Street - 126 hours
- Monorail - 45 hours
- McCarran Airport - 3326 hours
- Las Vegas Strip - 2988 hours

Total hours volunteered came to 6,485 hours which is worth \$105,569.31 to our Community

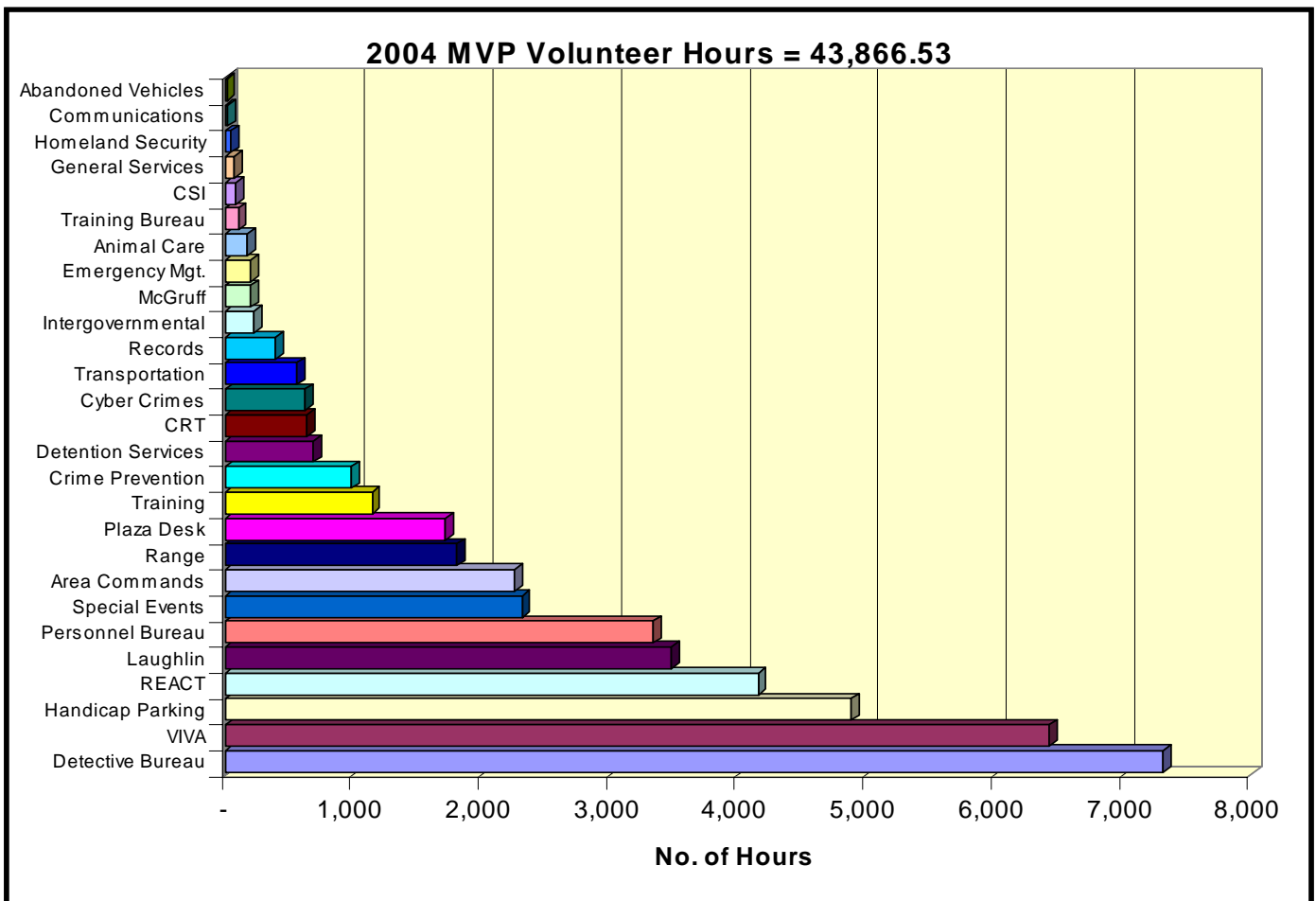
Our Plaza Desk volunteers made 12,526 contacts through 1768 hours of assisting citizens who had questions. Keep in mind if it were not for our volunteers being present, these questions would have been asked of the desk sergeant.

Our traffic control volunteers (REACT) contributed 4,149 hours during their tours of assisting our officers at fatal accidents, crime scenes and special events.

This year our volunteers donated 43,866.53 hours for a value to our community of \$698,949.91. This figure covers not only our more recognizable programs, but

all other locations and duties where volunteers are assisting such as Detective Bureau, Detention Center, Training Bureau, Volunteer Office just to name a few. Don't forget our four legged crime fighters (horses to you city dudes). Their stables were maintained with the help of yes, female volunteers for 172 hours.

Our volunteer program will not only continue our work, but will expand to help our community to maintain the high quality of law enforcement and community service. We are in the hands of our very capable leader, Sharon Harding, our coordinator.



Thank You Dave

by Debbie Peny

On November 5, 2004, I was involved in an accident. One of your volunteers, Dave Friedman VA #1573 REACT Unit LV-28, was so kind, helpful, and very patient. He made the tragedy less traumatic for me. He let me use his cell phone numerous times. He was just a complete angel. I'm sorry I waited so long to write to you and tell you how much I appreciated this man. You have a wonderful guy on your volunteer staff and he deserves all this praise and more.



Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteer needed at Mojave Training Center to assist with general office duties on Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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.

Assist Goodwill with their Glitter Gulch Party at the Fashion Show on March 18th 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and March 19th 5 p.m. to midnight.

Graffiti Wipe Out - Saturday, February 19th , 8 a.m. to noon location NW side of town

Volunteers for Reading Week, February 28th to March 4th between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Whitney Elementary located in SEAC.

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.

Upcoming Classes:

Traffic Control Class at Cheyenne Training Center held on March 28th 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Or April 4th 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. or April 11th 12:30 to 3:30

Learn How to be a Weather Spotter - earn volunteer hours as the eyes & ears of the National Weather Service. Call for more information.

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.

Paid Part Time Positions

NEAC swing key room service aide needed. Hours are 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Pay is \$9.20 per hour.

LVMPD Crossing Guards - \$8.65 per hour. Work 5 hours per week and get paid for 10 hours. We try to assign you to a school close to your home.



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Player's Club Members

Our volunteers are incredible! In 2003 YOU volunteered 36,361 hours. Then last year YOU volunteered 43,866 hours (see chart on page 3). That's an amazing increase of over 7500 volunteer hours in one year. **Thank You for an extraordinary year!** These were our over achievers for December.

Silver Club: (25+ Hours)

- Barbara Mitchell 26
- Lloyd Bishop 36
- Super Mike Bercseny 41
- Lisa Olquin 31
- Mary Ponton 38
- John Sbare 28
- Pat Adams 27

- Robert Schurheck 25
- Mel Ramos 38
- Dorothy Lewis 27
- Jesse Lewis 27
- Ben Bacchi 25
- Dan D'Elia 30
- Joyce Hammond 27
- Dave Friedman 33
- Kevin Parque 34
- Iris Knight 28
- Russell Jenks 46
- Beverly Bowman 33
- Stanley Fleischman 40
- Richard Zimpfer 25
- Tom Foselli 25
- Ted Dobrich 29
- Tony Esser 39
- Joe Langenberger 46
- Ed Bower 25
- Bill Gunderson 25

Gold Club: (50+ Hours)

- Margaret Priest 53
- John Phillips 62

- George Danko 64
- Bruce Bacon 52
- Bruno Villa 70
- Art Adams 53
- Rick Silvas 52
- Dick Bennett 46
- Poxie Cazimero 54
- Dorothy Sundquist 59

Diamond Club: (75+ Hours)

- Robert Hoban 80
- Judy Smith 80
- John Moses 80
- Stanley Pekar 92
- Murray Weinstein 78
- Eber Priest 85

Centurions: (100+ Hours)

- Marc Zuckerman 134
- Barbara Hayward 119
- Rick Meade 143
- John Martine 108