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Tidbits From The Volunteer Center Of Southern Nevada

By Kerin Schroeder, Volunteer Center VISTA Volunteer

Metro Volunteers were a GIFT to us at the Volunteer Center these past few weeks. The county wide disaster readiness exercise conducted July 11-14th was successful. All of the volunteers who attended the training held in June at the Mojave Training Center took this exercise seriously. I personally want to thank William Rhoden, Elisabeth Pannozzi,

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NIMS Training

LVMPD has received over \$6.2 million in Homeland Security grant funds in the past two years. MVP was instrumental in acquiring \$100,000 of these funds for uniforms, equipment and salaries for background investigators. In order for our Department to continue to qualify for these funds, all LVMPD employees and volunteers must complete the NIMS IS-700 training.

President Bush signed the Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD-5) on February 28, 2005, making NIMS IS-700 training mandatory. HSPD-5

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Sharon Harding and Ann Loskot for assisting us at the Volunteer Reception Center (VCR). Their dedication and commitment to service resulted in us accomplishing our goals and objectives.

Our objectives were to set up and operate a reception center for unaffiliated, or Joe Public, volunteers that will always show up in an emergency to help. The trained volunteer staff, YOU, OUR GIFT, did just that. We will be working to improve some of the areas that need changes. I would like to know that some of the lessons learned were from each one of you. I will leave you with this thought from Winston Churchill: ***"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."***

A reminder, there will be a debriefing for all of the volunteers that assisted with the Rotunda Thunda Exercise on Friday, August 26th from 6-7 PM at the Mojave Training Center located at 861 N. Mojave. Hope you can make it. Thank you all!



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directed the Secretary of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS). You can complete this course by requesting a study guide, test and scantron for the NIMS IS-700 training from our Volunteer Services Office at 229-5609 or you can go on line at <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is700.asp> and complete the course. When

you receive your certificate of completion from FEMA please forward a copy to our office. We will also be conducting classes in August to administer this training. We must have proof of your completion of NIMS IS-700 by October 1, 2005 or you will be removed from our volunteer roster.

NIMS gets everyone on the same page and develops standards for domestic incident responses that reach across all levels of government and all emergency response agencies regardless of the cause, size, or location of the incident. One lesson we learned from 9/11 is the importance of national standards when dealing with incident operations.



You Can Bridge the Gap Between Countries

By Cindy Jenks

AYUSA (Academic Year in the U.S.A.) International would like to extend a personal invitation to your family to host the world's youth!

AYUSA is a nonprofit high school foreign exchange student

Last Call!

Can you beat a full house - threes over eights? Remember official poker rules apply. If you can, e-mail or call in your hand. A unique prize is waiting for you.



organization. We welcome teenagers from over 65 countries worldwide and provide host family placement and ongoing supervision for five and ten month academic programs. These exceptional young people look forward to a warm bond of friendship with your family and a rewarding cultural exchange.

AYUSA students are between 15-18 years old and carefully selected according to their maturity and flexibility, academic and extracurricular achievements and a dedication to both international and civic responsibility. They are equipped with medical

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Left to Right: Guilherme Russo, Brazil; Ali Al-Radhi, Yemen; LV Mayor Oscar Goodman; Joanna Cendrowska, Poland; Kateryna Chernyavska, Ukraine

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insurance, spending money, a firm command of English and a strong commitment to becoming a member of the local community.

This program, which has hosted 40,000 students since 1980, is designed to help international youth learn to appreciate diversity and learn to overcome the negative stereotypes we have about each other. Upon their return, students will apply their experience to make a

difference in reducing misunderstandings between countries.

There is nothing more rewarding than opening your hearts and lives to one of these students. All they require are meals, a bedroom either shared or private, and your affection. What you get back is more than worth it. Please visit our website at www.ayusa.org for more information.



Save the Date

MVP Appreciation Luncheon October 20th, 2005. Additional information to follow.



CALLING ALL CERT GRADUATES

By Phil McKay

Do you want to continue learning and receive training to practice and enhance your emergency response skills? This training will not only improve your skills, but also provide an

opportunity to gain knowledge in new areas of disaster response. Some of the areas of training that may be addressed are:

- The Incident Command System (ICS)
- C a r d i o p u l m o n a r y resuscitation (CPR)
- Automatic external

defibrillation (AED)

- Advanced First Aid techniques
- Damage Assessment
- Communications
- Our community and its potential disasters
- Advanced search and rescue techniques

Training opportunities could also include creating disaster scenarios in which you could use the skills you have learned and the equipment that has been issued to you.

Do you have any suggestions for refresher and skill-enhancement training exercises? What skills do you want to practice and what new skills do you want to learn? Call the Volunteer Services Office at 229-5609 and tell us how we can make your CERT experience more effective. CERT classes for beginners start in September. Call or e-mail (s5068h@lvmpd.com) to sign up.





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SNAG Targets Senior Abuse, Neglect, Fraud and I.D. Theft

By Guido Deiro, MVP

On June 29th, 24 MVPs attended the first 4 hour

"Train the Presenter" program at Metro's Mojave Training Center. This federal and state sponsored program, SNAG (Senior Advocates on Guard), is designed to train professional volunteers in the art of presenting seminars imparting information to Medicare beneficiaries and seniors that would reduce their vulnerability to criminal acts relating to Medicare fraud, elder abuse, neglect, securities and telemarketing fraud, and I.D. theft.

It was a challenge for the instructors to cover all of the material and answer questions from the eager attendees. Many of these attendees had personal experiences with one

form or another of the various frauds and scams described in the presentation.

The Attorney General's Medicare Fraud Project Coordinator, Laurie Taylor, described the deleterious economic impact that Medicare fraud has (not only to the individual, but to the taxpayer). She outlined the basic cautions that all beneficiaries should take to see that identification such as one's social security and Medicare number aren't obtained and used for fraudulent purposes. She cautioned that persons receiving Medicare covered treatments should be careful to confirm that charges on Medicare Summaries are current and legitimate and check for discrepancies. How to avoid and report hustles for unneeded medical services and equipment were covered. Project Director, Jo Anne Embry, stressed how effective the use of professional

presenters to impart the Medicare antifraud information has been in reducing crimes against seniors in other jurisdictions.

Colin D. Haynes, a Criminal Investigator with the Nevada Department of Justice, explained the difference between elder abuse and neglect. He gave an overview on how to spot signs of abuse and neglect and how these acts could be prevented and reported. Some attendees were surprised to learn that care givers often innocently commit these crimes, which have severe punishments if repeated.

MVPs should note that we are included in the group of "mandated reporters" who must by law, report signs of abuse, or neglect, when it comes to our attention. Mr. Hayes distributed material that contained the contact information for those county,

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state and federal agencies that can provide assistance to seniors in need

Deputy Attorney General, Kathleen E. Delaney, from the Bureau of Consumer Protection, discussed securities and telemarketing fraud; as well as, I. D. theft, while fielding a host of questions on the overall subject of consumer fraud.

A common theme throughout the presentations was that if seniors were encouraged to follow just a few simple rules in their day to day contacts with people, their vulnerability to fraud would be negligible. The following suggestions are examples and shouldn't be construed as complete.

1. Guard your personal medical and financial information, especially social security, Medicare, credit card and bank account

numbers religiously and challenge a stranger's request for that information.

2. Review your Medicare statement and all other statements for consumer goods, or services every month. Look for overcharges and other discrepancies.
3. As hard as it may seem, be cautious of friends, family members and care givers who insist on involving themselves in your financial affairs.
4. Nearly every solicitation over the phone, or by mail from a individual, or company you have had no previous business with, is fraudulent. Place your phone numbers on the national "do not call" list.
5. If a solicitation sounds too good to be true, it is! Nothing is ever "free", or with "no risk".

6. Don't fall for high pressure, get it now, or lose it tactics. Sleep on financial decisions.
7. Don't invest in something you don't understand.
8. Don't deal in cash. Have contracts and offers written.
9. Secure your mail. Be careful how you dispose of financial information. The garbage can be examined.
10. If you feel you have been the victim of abuse, neglect or fraud, report it immediately to a professional.

I came away from the training session with a good general overview of the senior abuse, neglect and fraud problem. I even discovered that before I went out to make a presentation I had better attend to some loose ends to protect myself from fraud. It's not too late to become part of our SNAG unit. Call our office for more details.



Duck Derby is Coming to Las Vegas

Positively Kids, a 501c nonprofit organization, is asking us to help them make this year's Duck Derby a success. The Duck Derby will raise money to provide home health care and alternative therapies for medically fragile children in Southern Nevada. This event will occur



on Saturday, October 15th. They need help preparing the plastic ducks to be sold for the Duck Derby. On Saturday, August 6th, at 9 a . m . volunteers will help make 200 single duck packs and 100 quack packs. Save your bread ties and make plans to join us on August 6th. Quack!



Player's Club Members

Apparently the phrase "slowing down" is not in our volunteer's dictionary. However, the phrase "sped up" is in our dictionary in capital letters. This fact is demonstrated in a BIG way by the following comparisons. In June of 2004 our volunteers contributed 3,411 hours to our Department and community for a cost saving of \$54,843.94. In June of 2005 our volunteers contributed 4,856.50 hours for a value of \$78,622.12. Your energy and dedication knows no bounds.

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Silver Club(25+ Hours)

Lisa Olquin 25
 Barbara Mitchell 37
 Mary Ponton 29
 Joyce Hammond 37
 Frank Rute 27
 Stanley Fleischman 30
 Robert Bacon 36
 Betty Johnson 34
 Ron Moushey 37
 Michael Kebles 26
 Robert Withrow 30
 Margaret Priest 28
 Michael Gural 29
 Joe Langenberger 49
 Alice Coulson 35
 Dick Bennett 37
 Glenda Rogers 25
 Ted Dobrich 25
 Pat Adams 45
 Earl Beach 34
 David Berger 31
 Bill Gow 26

Ron Isaacs 39
 Wayne Carnes 42
 Rod Gandy 36
 Morris Haskins 30
 Keith Hopkey 47
 John Murphy 33
 John Phillips 26
 John Sbare 27
 Allen Tramont 34
 Ben Bacchi 28
 Bob Penton 49
 Jesse Lewis 41
 Dorothy Lewis 41
 Robert Schurheck 27
 Bob Castro 28

Gold Club(50+ Hours)

Bruno Villa 63
 Beverly Bowman 70
 Harold Mann 63
 Jeff Cox 56
 Wally Cox 56
 Dorothy Sundquist 59

Diamond Club(75+ Hours)

Dave Friedman 80
 Robert Hoban 80
 Judy Smith 80
 John Moses 80
 Edna Ruggiero 85
 Rick Meade 80
 Sal Tallarico 92
 Paul Doyle 94
 Ed Skorynko 75
 Murray Weinstein 78
 Art Adams 75

Centurions(100+ Hours)

Marc Zuckerman 131
 Stanley Pekar 188
 John Martine 115
 Art Kolb 117
 Eber Priest 110