



The All Points Bulletin

Metro Volunteer Program

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Left to Right: Mike Bercseny, Sheriff Young, Grim Reaper, Dick Bennett, Frances Bower and Ed Bower

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Bishop Gorman hosts "Every 15 Minutes"

Every 15 minutes someone is fatally injured in an accident involving alcohol. This fact was driven home on September 22nd and 23rd when officers, emergency medical trained (EMT) personnel, volunteers, parents and students of Bishop Gorman enacted such a crash scene. Every detail involved in a fatal accident was presented (including demolished vehicles, injured victims, EMT personnel, emergency room encounters, grieving retreats and funerals). We even had a grim reaper who snatched students from class which represented the lives destroyed by drinking and

driving. Everyone gets involved in the emotional upheaval of the crash and its aftermath.

"Every 15 Minutes" urges students to stop and think before getting behind the wheel after drinking alcohol. It imprints the disastrous consequences of mixing alcohol and driving on everyone's consciousness.

A special thanks goes to the Metro staff, Metro volunteers (Dick Bennett, Mike Bercseny, Ed & Frances Bower, Wally Cox, Jeff Cox and Rena Keenoy), and Bishop Gorman parents/students who made "Every 15 Minutes" a dynamic experience.



This year's MVP Appreciation Luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Oct. 20 at the Palace Station.

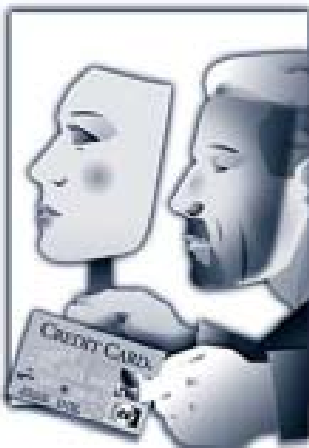


Is Your Identity Secure?

Lt. Franks conducted a special training session on identity theft on September 10th for those Metro volunteers involved in SNAG (Senior Nevada Advocates on Guard). Lt. Franks will be retiring this year after over 35 years with the Department and believes that knowledge is the key to protecting one's identity. He's glad to see Metro volunteers participating in crime prevention presentations.

Lt. Franks gave us ten tips we can start using today to make our identity more secure:

- 1) Never carry your social security card.
- 2) Only carry your insurance card if you have a doctor's appointment that day.



- 3) Never carry your checkbook.
- 4) Always balance your monthly bank statements.
- 5) Protect your bank accounts with a password.
- 6) Always check your credit card statements to verify that you have authorized all the charges. Report any unauthorized charges to your credit card company immediately.
- 7) Always sign your credit card.
- 8) Never give out personal information over the phone or internet unless you have initiated the contact.
- 9) Always shred all documents with your personal information and any unsolicited credit card applications with a crosscut shredder before you dispose of them in the trash.
- 10) Order your credit report from each of the three credit reporting bureaus (Equifax, Experian and TransUnion) once a year. Every four months you should be requesting your free credit report from one of these credit reporting bureaus to see who is accessing your credit information.

We must take responsibility and exercise due diligence to protect our personal information. Lt. Franks, thank you for sharing your expertise with us.

Volunteers Needed!

CERT volunteers needed for Operation Loaded Dice. Report at the CERT Booth at Meadows Mall on Thursday, October 6, at 9 P.M. and be prepared to stay until 5 A.M. on Friday, October 7. Bring your CERT backpack, CERT helmet and CERT vest.

Volunteers needed for volunteer registration and traffic control at JDRF Walk for the Cure on Saturday, October 22, from 5:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. at the UNLV Thomas and Mack.

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Searching for Speaking Engagements



We are proud to announce that the Metro Volunteers have organized a speakers' bureau on identification theft and frauds. We are asking that each of you use your organizational contacts with religious, service or school groups that have programs featuring guest speakers and ask them if they would like someone from our group to come out and speak at one of their meetings. The presentation time can be tailored to the group's needs but usually runs around thirty to forty-five minutes with time for questions and answers after the presentation. Please contact the MVP office with information on potential venues. This is an excellent opportunity for us to educate people on the prevalence of identity fraud.

MVPs Support National Public Lands Day

**By Donna Grady
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An enthusiastic contingent of 15 members of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department volunteered at Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area on September 24 during the 12th annual National Public Lands Day. The event is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance America's public lands. A total of 160 community volunteers contributed 720 hours to the Red Rock cleanup.

Volunteers cleared 1.5 miles of road and trail in

Cottonwood Valley and another 1.0 mile of trail in Bird Springs Valley, filling a 38 yard dumpster with litter, debris, refuse, electrical wire, cable reels, car parts, and tires – (everything including the proverbial kitchen sink).

Donna Grady, Southern Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program Manager, said, "Without support from our community volunteers and organizations like the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, today's accomplishment would not have been possible. A special thanks to; Wally Cox, Jeff Cox, Michelle McDermott, Donald Matthew, John Spring, Said Buelna, Jack Horn, Jean Richmond, Geneva Student, J.P.Coulter, and Syonja Gustafson, Metro volunteers

who made a difference by participating in this cleanup and restoration event.



JOB WELL DONE!

Congratulations on completing the NIMS Training IS700. As of September 28th over 83% of our volunteers have completed the training. If you have not completed required NIMS training, please contact our office immediately.



Left to Right: Said Buelna, Jack Horn, Michelle McDermott, Don Matthew, Jeff Cox, Wally Cox, John Spring, Dick Bennett, Syonja Gustafson, Sharon Harding, Geneva Student, Joe Ebner, JP Coulter and Jean Richmond

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Player's Club

Once again our volunteers out did themselves. Our Department and community salute your dedication to service. This August our volunteers invested 4,527 hours in our community for a value of \$73,262. This is an increase of 833 hours over August of 2004. Our volunteers are truly AMAZING!

Silver Club (25+ Hours)

- Estelle Immerblum 36
- Ed Rogers 31
- Mike Bercseny 32
- Lisa Olquin 31
- Pat Adams 34
- Earl Beach 36
- John Murphy 35
- Daniel Pelaez 46
- Allen Tramont 32
- Sal Tallarico 47
- Harold Mann 47
- Robert Bacon 48
- Michael Kebles 37

Gold Club (50+ Hours)

- Randy Onato 29
- Ronald Isaacs 39
- Robert Penton 32
- William Gow 30
- Wayne Carnes 29
- Carol Kolson 26
- Keith Hopkey 27
- Mary Ponton 27
- Henry Smith 26
- Robert Hall 26
- Cecelia Gunderson 38
- Jeffrey Cox 32
- William Gunderson 40
- Ed Bower 32
- Edna Ruggiero 38
- Edward Cooper 30
- Dan D'Elia 37
- Sally Irwin 33
- Arnold Wetzstein 46
- Bob Schurheck 27
- Robert Castro 50
- Jerry Phillips 64
- David Friedman 72

Diamond Club (75+ Hours)

- Joe Langenberger 68
- Art Adams 51
- Alice Coulson 53
- Mike Gural 58
- Bruno Villa 68
- Dick Bennett 52
- Beverly Bowman 54
- Barry Mainardi 61
- Dorothy Lewis 63
- Jesse Lewis 59
- Murray Weinstein 84
- George Danko 78
- Robert Hoban 80
- Judy Smith 80
- John Moses 80

Centurions (100+ Hours)

- Stanley Pekar 193
- Eber Priest 110
- Barbara Hayward 102
- John Martine 102
- Rick Meade 144
- Marc Zuckerman 104
- Art Kolb 182