



The A Points Bulletin

Metro Volunteer Program

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Denise Stride and McGruff Take "Stranger Danger" on the road in 2006.

Our goals include strengthening our partnership with COAD (Coalition of Agencies in a Disaster). This will include cross training to create our own Disaster Action Team which will be on call for a week every 4 months. This will give us an opportunity to build our relationship with the Red Cross before an emergency occurs. Training will also be provided to assist the Salvation Army in manning their emergency canteens. These canteens can be called out for

hostage situations, fires or other serious emergencies. This opportunity allows us to more closely assist our first responders in certain emergency situations.

We are also expanding the educational programs we offer in the community with the development of our own Speakers Bureau. Volunteers will be trained and given materials to give presentations on:

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We will continue to enhance DART (Domestic Abuse Response Team) and expand the hours and locations where DART is available.

Deployment Operations Center (DOC) will move to the front burner and be developed as an opportunity for our volunteers.

I encourage you to try more hats and step outside of your comfort zone. This is your life to script. Live it to the fullest.



WHAT IS NEW IN 2006

By Sharon Harding

Thank you for an AMAZING 2005. You contributed 25% more hours in 2005 than in 2004. We appreciate you. Give yourselves a big hand.

Let's look to 2006 for more great adventures. We'll be strengthening COAD relationships, developing a Speakers Bureau, expanding DART and creating DOC.



L to R: Myrtie Leckinger, Bob Boerner, Jesse Lewis, Dottie Lewis, Ray Leckinger, Art Kolb & Duane Dotson.

MVPs Assist Laughlin's Hobo Stew Event

By Robert Schurheck

The Laughlin Volunteers turned out in force to assist with crowd control at the 11th Annual Heart Association Hobo Stew Event. For a small contribution to the Heart Association, a huge crowd tasted a variety of stews cooked by various community organizations including local casinos. The event, complete with music and entertainment, was held in the south parking lot of Riverside Casino.

We want to thank Jesse & Dottie Lewis who worked with the Heart Association and coordinated the MVP duties. Also a special thanks to Ben Bacchi, Ted Brandes, Dan D'Elia, John Grieco, Ray Hahn, Al Hoss, Donna Huggins, George Huggins, Myrtie Leckinger, Bob Boerner, Ray Leckinger, Art Kolb, Duane Dotson, Sally Irwin, Bob Manlove, Bob Petrussek and Arnie Wetzstein for assisting with crowd control.



MVPs Support Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk

By Susan Hirsch

On November 5th, six dedicated volunteers arrived at Hills Park at sunrise to

assist with Memory Walk '05, an annual event to raise funds and awareness about Alzheimer's Disease. This devastating illness affects more than 4.5 million Americans of every race, gender and culture, costing our nation over \$100 billion a year. The funds raised through Memory Walk '05 provide critical services and support for Southern Nevadans including: Help Line a 24 hour information, support and referral line, family care consultations, support groups, education programs and Safe Return, a program to protect individuals who may wander.

A special thank you to Dick Bennett, Rae Bennett, Don Hatthew, Carl Hurless, Carlotta Hurless, Akida Nakai and Doug Skelly for their invaluable



L to R: Carl Hurless, Carlotta Hurless, Dick Bennett, Akida Nakai, Doug Skelly, Don Matthew

assistance. You are leading the way by offering a message of hope as the search for a cure continues.





L to R: Jean Richmond, Sharon Harding, Dick Bennett, George Betdashto, Maggie Saunders, Janet Delaney, Mike Ward Mike Bercseny, Jack Horn & Jeremy Clement

Kudos to MVPs

**By Maggie Saunders,
Alternative Mode Program
Coordinator**

What originally started in June as a 45 minute assembly to parents at Detwiler Elementary School became the "Scary Street Bicycle Rodeo" on October 27th. Lois Cadwaliter, a teacher at Detwiler and an avid bicyclist, contacted the Silver State Bicycle Coalition to provide a bicycle safety presentation to the parents of the students.

In the last calendar year, two students were struck while riding their bicycles to school. Lois hoped that if the parents were aware of bicycle safety that would translate to their children and increase bicycle

rider ship and safety for all the students at Detwiler.

The 45 minute assembly was only the beginning. Together the Silver State Bicycle Coalition, Clark County Alternative Mode Program, and Safe Community Partnership pulled resources and provided the 783 students with the "Scary Street Bicycle Rodeo".

Funded by the Nevada Office of Traffic Safety, the above organizations donated to the students of Detwiler; 783 bicycle helmets, reflective stickers, 200 bicycle locks, and Halloween treat bags filled with pencils and candy.

The most crucial portion of the day was fitting the 783 helmets on the students. Wearing a

helmet is one of the best defenses you have in a bicycle crash. The helmet will protect the head from serious brain injury 87 per cent of the time. The helmet fitting is the first station of a bicycle rodeo, also the most time consuming part of a bicycle rodeo. The biggest concern was if the helmets fitting were not done fast enough, that delay would not allow the students to participate in the rest of the rodeo.

The Metro volunteers came to our rescue. The morning of the rodeo set up started at 6:00 AM and I asked the volunteers to be there at 7:30. Before 7:30, I started seeing volunteers wearing bright yellow shirts walking onto the playground. I gave them the basics of helmet fitting and then turned them loose on 783 students. Some volunteers helped with teaching hand signals and ride rules.

I have provided bicycle rodeos all over the county at elementary schools and charity organizations. None of the rodeos ran as smoothly as this rodeo, and it was a direct result of having the Metro Volunteers facilitate the helmet fitting. If the helmet fitting takes too long, or is not done properly, the rodeo falls behind and the children do not benefit from all the safety information. A special thanks to Janet Delaney, Jeremy Clement, George Betdashto, Mike Ward, Jack Horn, Michael Bercseny, Dick Bennett, and Jean Richmond for making our bike rodeo a total success.



Stan's Stats

Honest to goodness, Boy Scout Oath, I swear with all honesty and high moral standards, these are the facts for 2005. We always look to the future, but this is the present and here is the story.

There were 471 applications submitted and 260 preliminary interviews were conducted by Sharon Harding and myself. After going through the required background check, 73 completed the process and became active Metro volunteers. We also had 103 active volunteers who left the program for various reasons.

Our Metro volunteers are always there when needed for special events. We

participated in 39 special events in the community which included, MDA Executive Lockups, Angel Tree Toy Distribution, Baker to Las Vegas Relay, READS, Komen Race for the Cure, Goodwill's Glitter Gulch, Red Rock Cleanup, and the Las Vegas Marathon.

The Handicap Enforcement teams wrote in excess of 1,357 county citations and 2,802 city citations. During 2005 they accumulated 9,543 hours which converts to a value of \$154,310 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. Strip VIVA had 3,462 contacts. Airport VIVA had 211,123 contacts.

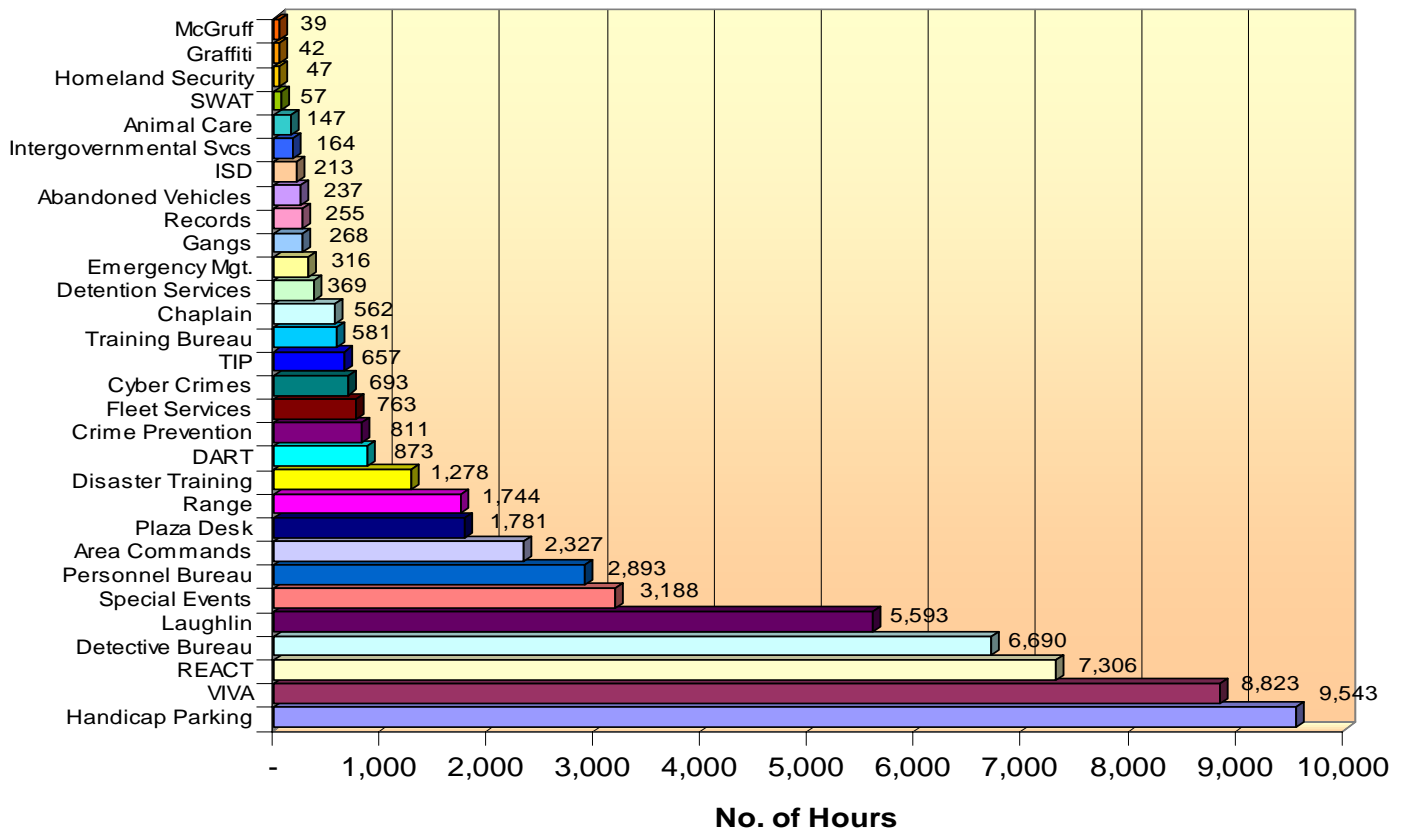
VIVA patrols assisted in various ways; returning lost items, giving directions at the airport and pointing out various locations of visitors interest and helped local residents. Our VIVA volunteers contributed 8,823 hours resulting in a value of \$142,668.

Our Plaza Desk volunteers made 11,419 contacts through 1,781 hours of assisting citizens who had questions. This kept the Desk Sergeant from having to put off his official duties to answer these questions. A similar program has just been started at the Investigative Services Division (ISD) building where our volunteers will be manning the reception desk.

The traffic control volunteers

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2005 MVP Volunteer Hours = 58,260



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(REACT) contributed 7306 hours (\$118,138) during their tours assisting our officers at fatal accidents, crime scenes and special events.

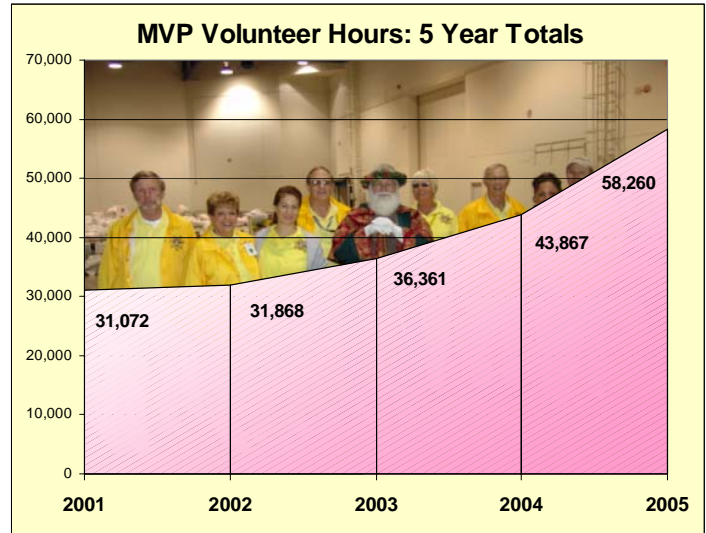
We must not forget Laughlin, a very important group of highly dedicated volunteers who perform, not only the standard assignments, but assist officers with DUI checkpoints, check proper use of car restraints in vehicles, and man a recruiting booth at the mall. They also volunteered over 200 hours at the River Run. They even participated in a search for a clandestine grave site in the desert. The combined duties performed equal 5,593 hours which converts to \$90,439. Try working in 120

degree heat. They really are on the front burner.

This year our volunteers donated 58,260 hours for a value to our community of \$942,247. Our volunteer program will not only continue our work, but will expand to maintain the high quality of law enforcement and community service. This year we hope to provide more training which could be of service to maintain our homeland security. We,

as volunteers, thank Sharon Harding for giving us the opportunity to serve.

Statistically, you will hear from me again next year.



Volunteer Opportunities

- DARE is looking for a volunteer to enter statistics on Excel spreadsheet, print DARE certificates and assist officers at graduations. DARE is located at 101 Convention Center and the hours are flexible between 9 AM and 3 PM Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday.
- Intergovernmental Services is requesting a volunteer to assist with filing, data entry and phones. They are located at City Hall (400 E. Stewart Ave. 7th floor) and need a volunteer on Monday or Wednesday between 7 AM and 4 PM.
- Traveler's Aid & Assistance Booth at McCarran Airport needs volunteers on Tuesday, 8 am. to 11 am,

Wednesday, 2 PM to 5 PM, and Friday, 8 AM to 11 am.

- Personnel Reception Desk at 101 Convention Center Dr. needs volunteers to direct people to the appropriate person, prepare testing materials, receive transfer requests and verify test scores. Shifts are 8 AM to noon and noon to 4 PM Monday through Friday.
- Investigative Svcs Division (ISD) reception desk located at Oakey and Decatur needs volunteers for morning shifts 7 AM to noon Monday through Friday.
- Range (7600 E. Carey) needs someone to maintain and clean firearms used in simunitions training. Hours are flexible between 6:30 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Thursday.

Training Opportunities:

- CERT Exercise at Mojave Training Center (861 N. Mojave) February 11th 9 AM to 1 PM.
- CPR certification at Mojave Training Center (861 N. Mojave) February 25th 10 AM to 4PM.
- Red Cross Training for our MVP DAT Team at 1771 E. Flamingo Building B Suite 206:
- 2/7/06 Orientation 6 PM to 7:30 PM
- 2/9/06 Community Services 6 PM to 9 PM
- 2/26/06 Family Services 9 AM to 5 PM
- Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) training sessions will be starting on February 2nd at the Henderson Fire Training Center (501 Parkson. Call MVP for specific times.

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Players Club

The Christmas Bells were ringing, the fireworks were firing, the celebrants were celebrating and all was well with the world. (Almost)
 All through December our volunteers were volunteering. Our gift to our Department and community was 4,651 hours for a cost saving of \$75,436 for December 2005. In December of 2004 volunteers contributed 3,441 hours for a value of

\$55,529. We've had an increase of 1,210 volunteer hours over last year's December figure. You must admit that is really bell ringing.

Silver Club(25+ Hours)

- Lisa Olquin ----- 42
- Lulu Abercrombie---- 40
- Stanley Fleischman -- 35
- Betty Johnson ----- 48
- Iris Knight ----- 46
- Butch Plotner ----- 25
- Robert Withrow ----- 31
- Daniel Skorynko ----- 44
- Michael Kebles ----- 43
- Celia Meyerson ----- 36
- Larry Cox ----- 33
- Roy Louie ----- 45
- Ed Bower ----- 30
- Ted Dobrich----- 28
- Don Cahill ----- 41
- Ira Levy ----- 30

- Allen Tramont ----- 32
 - Ed Skorynko ----- 28
 - Sandy Marks ----- 31
 - Ron Isaacs ----- 37
 - Jerry Gampel----- 34
 - Pat Adams ----- 34
 - Bob Penton ----- 36
 - Anne Loskot ----- 29
 - Dick Bennett----- 41
 - John Grieco ----- 25
 - Dorothy Lewis ----- 41
 - Jesse Lewis ----- 41
 - Bob Schurheck ----- 25
 - Arnold Wetzstein---- 31
 - Lawrence Madoff --- 25
- Gold Club(50+ Hours)**
- David Friedman ----- 64
 - Bruce Bacon ----- 67
 - Bruno Villa ----- 53
 - Art Kolb ----- 54
 - Jack Horn ----- 58
 - Jane Murphy ----- 66
 - Mike Gural ----- 69
 - Bill Gunderson ----- 50

- Joe Langenberger ---- 51
 - Harold Mann ----- 62
 - Eber Priest ----- 66
 - Jerry Phillips ----- 61
 - Earl Beach ----- 58
 - Art Adams ----- 54
 - Beverly Bowman ---- 58
 - Michael Bercseny---- 50
 - Joseph Di Stefano---- 64
- Diamond Club(75+ Hrs)**
- John Moses ----- 80
 - Judy Smith ----- 80
 - Bob Hoban ----- 80
 - Murray Weinstein --- 91
 - George Danko ----- 75
- Centurions(100+ Hours)**
- Stanley Pekar ----- 154
 - Marc Zuckerman --- 124
 - Sal Tallarico ----- 147
 - Edna Ruggiero ----- 115
 - Rick Meade ----- 103
 - John Martine ----- 108
 - Barbara Hayward --- 119