



The All Points Bulletin

Metro Volunteer Program



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temporary duty as a vice detective.

Lt. Williams is committed to serving our community. He has been a Boy Scout Leader for at risk children and is also the liaison for the Explorer

Program. This program teaches young adults, 16-21 years old, law enforcement principles and gives them an opportunity to gain a good understanding of what skills are needed to be effective police officers.

Lt. Williams has been married for 34 years and has three grown children. He enjoys spending time with his two grand daughters, ages thirteen and three. His continued commitment to his family and Metro are greatly appreciated.



New Lt. Takes the Helm

It is my pleasure to introduce Curtis Williams as our new lieutenant. Lt. Williams stresses proactive listening and encourages coworkers to express their vision of where we are going and how we will get there. Since he spent 21 years in the military, he is no stranger to the chain of command.

He has been with our Department over 18 years and has worked as a Field Training Officer. When he promoted to Sergeant he worked Patrol and later started the Tourist Safety Unit. His experience includes assignments in Professional Standards, Property Crimes, Internal Affairs and Special Events. He even had

Plaza Desk Team

by Lynette Koehn

The MVP program has a diverse and unique array of people. I would like to introduce you to your Plaza Desk team. I'll give you a brief background on each volunteer; then explain what we, as a team, do at the desk.

Supervisor **Lloyd Bishop**: Lloyd's parents immigrated from the West Indies in 1926. He served in the military during the Korean conflict, lived in New York for 70 years and worked for the Federal Government for 38 years. He has volunteered in several positions with MVP and is the current site coordinator at the City Hall Plaza Desk. He has

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commented, "I work with 10 great and energetic volunteers".

Michael Aker: Michael relocated to Las Vegas from Long Beach, Ca. He served two tours in Vietnam. While there, he was involved in a motorcycle accident which resulted in subsequent numerous operations and the loss of a leg in 1998.

Mike is a heavy equipment operator and avid little league volunteer.

Earl Beach: Earl is a native of Springfield, Ma. Even though he works full time in the trucking industry he still finds time to commit at least two days a week to the Department.

Joe Di Pierro: Joe moved here from Portland, Maine.

He is a veteran Army paratrooper, news photographer, sales clerk, cab driver, and security guard. Joe is also a Plaza Desk volunteer. Joe adds, "I support our troops 100 %".

Tony Esser: Tony was a 45 year resident of New Jersey. He is a medical equipment salesman, and avid volunteer.

William Gunderson: A New York native, has served in the US Navy. He was a long time

owner of a Caravel Ice Cream Franchise, and has previously owned a candy store, a Dunkin Donuts, a laundromat and a dry cleaning business. Bill works Wednesday mornings at the Plaza Desk.

Lynette Koehn: Lynette is originally from Merced, CA., but was raised in the San Francisco Bay area. She worked in the family ceramic

hired by Atlantic City Caesar's security department and through a promotion, transferred to Caesar's Las Vegas. He finds the Plaza Desk "both interesting and at times exciting". Currently on medical leave, Phil says, "I'll be back".

Marianne McNeill: Marianne is a motel and mini-storage manager and a

Boulder Station bus driver. She has volunteered with Catholic Charities as a senior companion. Now she volunteers with MVP and states, "I enjoy the MVP program for the special event opportunities that aid our community".

Bernie Siebert: Bernie

was born in Manhattan, NY. He retired as a Master Sergeant from the Air Force. He has worked in wholesale plumbing, and for 16 years in casinos working with slots. Here



tile business. She has also owned a floral shop. She was a volunteer board member and president of the Central Business Association in Mtn. View, Ca. Lynette states, "I love working at the (Plaza) desk".

Phil Levine: Phil was born in Bronx, NY and raised in New Jersey. He worked on Wall Street with several brokerage houses in the security field. In 1978, Phil was

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volunteers at Metro as a handicap parking monitor and at the Plaza Desk. Recently, Bernie accepted a job as a school crossing guard, but will continue working with MVP.

Allen Tramont: Allen is a five year veteran of the Air Force. He has entertained many as a singer, actor and Master of Ceremonies in NY and Las Vegas. He volunteered for three years in the Trauma Intervention Program and has been with MVP since 2001.

Shirley Tripp: Shirley has had an outstanding career in education as a principal and teacher. She is a Citizen's Police Academy graduate. Shirley volunteers in Sun City as a dispatcher for the security patrol. She also volunteers at the Information Center Office and the Plaza Desk. She states that she is "single and smiling".

As a team, we are the first contact citizens have with the City Hall Plaza Police Substation. Our mission is to

be information specialists and assist people with a "million" different questions. We handle many non-police issues, which allows the Sergeant to concentrate on essential police matters. We make contact with over 1,200 people a month.

Our primary information tool (besides our good looks & outstanding personalities) is an information binder, compiled by all of us. It is continually revised and has over 350 entries with answers to the most frequently asked questions. If we don't have an answer to a particular question, then we send them to the desk sergeant. On any given day, we can deflect 60% to 70% of those seeking help away from the Sergeant

because "WE" have the answers.

Yes, I'm bragging about the important job we are doing at the info desk! Some of the adjectives that describe our job are: interesting, exciting, different, informative, heart wrenching, fulfilling and gratifying.

As you can tell, we love being your Plaza Desk Team for the Metro Volunteer Program.

Note: Our special thanks and appreciation to our primary desk Sergeant Herb Scholer for all of his knowledge, wisdom and guidance. Herb, we all congratulate you for your 26 years with Metro.



Congratulations to MVP Father Joe Distefano on his new position as Laughlin's Chaplain.

Volunteer Luncheon

On Thursday, November 4th, we hosted our Fifth Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at Palace Station. This is our opportunity to applaud your accomplishments and the community's chance to recognize and reward your dedication to service. Laughlin's Avi Resort & Casino provided complimentary two night/three day stays for those seven volunteers who donated over 100 hours per month to the Department. Riverside Resort & Casino provided two grand raffle prizes that consisted of complimentary two night/three day stay, dinner, breakfast, lunch and boat ride. All you needed to bring was a change of clothes. Over

twenty-five businesses provided raffle prizes to help honor our volunteers.

Meteorologist Nate Tannebaum from Channel 13 Action News was the perfect Master of Ceremonies networking with volunteers and making weather predictions. Steve Chartrand, President & CEO of Goodwill of Southern Nevada presented us with a plaque recognizing the 19 volunteers who represented them at the PGA Invitational. Our 19 MVPs and their 28 Goodwill volunteers received the distinction of being selected as the "Best Volunteers of the PGA Invitational".

Patty Bellis created and presented appreciation gifts to Nate, Sheriff Young and myself. Each focused on the

individual's hobbies. Nate's gift contained nine silk bow ties. I still can't figure out how she managed to fit all those into an Injured Police Officers Fund (IPOF) commemorative mug. She's amazing! The Sheriff's gift contained golf merchandise and my arrangement included chocolate, carnations and a teddy bear -- a perfect combination. My appreciation gift was even a surprise to me.

The Sheriff asked our Department employees to give a standing ovation to our volunteers, giving them the recognition they deserve. I agree and want to salute the volunteers who have donated over 1000 hours to LVMPD:

Bruce Bacon
Sharlene Beiser
Daniel D'Elia
Theodore Dobrich
William Gow
Roger Kehl
Joe Langenberger
John Martine
Jane Murphy
Stanley Pekar
Margaret Priest
Mel Ramos
Edna Ruggiero
Bruno Villa
Raymond Williams

I also want to recognize our MVPs who have donated over 2000 hours to making a difference in our community:

Art Adams
Dick Bennett
Lloyd Bishop



Patty Bellis presents Nate Tannebaum with a bow tie tree.

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Beverly Bowman

George Danko

John Moses

Judy Smith

Murray Weinstein

The following volunteers have distinguished themselves by volunteering over 3000 hours to our Department:

Robert Hoban

Marc Zuckerman

These volunteers have accomplished the unimaginable by donating enough time to the Department to be the equivalent of a part-time position. These unique individuals are **Rick Meade** (4000 hours at the Range), **Eber Priest** (5000 hours in Homicide) and **Barbara Hayward** (7000 hours in Sexual Assault). We tip our hats to you for an **O U T S T A N D I N G ACCOMPLISHMENT.**

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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 700-1600 hours Monday-Friday.

☐ Volunteer needed in Gangs located at Sunset/Bermuda to assist with FI



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Card query and data entry into LRMS between 800-1500 hours Monday or Friday.

☐ Volunteer needed in Personnel located at Convention Center/ LV Blvd. So. to help at the front desk on Monday 1400-1600 hours. Volunteer also needed at Personnel to answer phones and sort mail between 800-1500 hours Monday-Friday.

☐ Volunteer with construction background needed in General Services to schedule preventative maintenance appointments between 700-1600 Monday-Friday.

☐ Volunteer needed in Mounted Patrol Unit to help clean and feed police horses and barn Tuesday-Friday between 800-1600 hours.

☐ Volunteer needed to assist in Domestic Violence

located at West Charleston/Campbell with data entry of dispositions in LRMS.

Upcoming Special Events:

Making baskets for the Nevada Blind Center Wednesday, December 1, 900-1300 hours and Saturday, December 4, 1000-1400 hours.

Distributing Angel Tree Gifts for Salvation Army on Thursday, December 16, and Friday, December 17, from 800 to 1500 hours.

Upcoming Classes

Handicap Parking Instruction Class on Tuesday, November 29, 800 to 1200 hours at 861 N. Mojave.

“Spotting Pickpockets” coming in January

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We Need You!



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Player's Club Members

The beautiful autumn weather did not entice our MVPs to abandon their volunteer commitments. They donated 3,758 hours to our Department in October. These MVPs went “above and beyond” to reach levels of excellence.

Silver Club: - 25+ Hours

- Wally Cox 40
- Frank Rute 27
- Patty Bellis 38
- Jane Murphy 38
- Mary Ponton 35
- Kevin Parque 45
- Charles Kunz 36
- Hal Hirschfeld 39
- Harold Mann 45
- Art Adams 37

- Pat Adams 29
- John Murphy 48
- Tony Esser 42
- William Biles 36
- Don Lawton 34
- Allen Tramont 30
- Robert Herber 48
- Lloyd Bishop 25
- Regem Heliste 33
- Tim Gardinier 28
- Phil O’Leary 25
- Barry Goldman 26
- Morris Haskins 26
- Barbara Mitchell 30
- Harvey Schnitzer 32
- Margaret Priest 41
- Beverly Bowman 44
- Tom Foselli 30
- Richard Zimpfer 25
- Stan Fleischman 25
- Joe Charest 25

Laughlin:

- Jessie Lewis 37
- Dorothy Lewis 37

- Dan D’Elia 33
- John Grieco 30
- Joe Distefano 30

Gold Club: - 50+ Hours

- Bruce Bacon 59
- Bruno Villa 56
- Eber Priest 63
- John Phillips 63
- Murray Weinstein 72
- David Friedman 52
- Lisa Olquin 56
- Robert Burton 62

Diamond Club: - 75+ Hours

- Stanley Pekar 95
- Dick Bennett 93
- Joe Langenberger 84
- Bob Hoban 84
- Judy Smith 80
- John Moses 80

Centurions: - 100+ Hours

- Rick Meade 126
- Marc Zuckerman 112
- John Martine 100
- Barbara Hayward 123