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METRO ROADWAYS SAFER IN 2009

In the beginning of 2009, Sheriff Gillespie challenged the traffic section to reduce traffic fatalities by 5%. The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department traffic section rose to the challenge and went above and beyond, reducing fatalities by 25% in 2009. This is the third year in a row Metro has seen a reduction in fatalities. In 2008 there were 113 fatalities compared to 85 in 2009. The last fatal accident occurred on December 9th.

Traffic detail contributes these reductions to:

- Freeway enforcement partnership between traffic and area commands
- DUI enforcement partnership between traffic and area commands
- Monthly area command DUI check points

For the first time in 3 years there were no fatalities on New Year's Eve. This could be contributed to the extra traffic officers patrolling the valley. On New Years Eve there were an additional 117 traffic officers out on the street along with three D.U.I vans targeting impaired drivers. Metro arrested 103 people for DUI compared to 9 last year.

Traffic Captain Richard Collins will be available for the media on January 7th from 11:30 to 1:00 at the Traffic Bureau located at 2300 E. St Louis. Please contact PIO Officer Bill Cassell on his pager at 262-2715 or in the office at 828-4082 if you plan to attend.

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