

Washoe County Sheriff's Office

Interim Government Affairs

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# Sheriff's Office Overview

- The Washoe County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) provides law enforcement services for the unincorporated area of Washoe County.
- We are also responsible for operating the only adult detention facility for pretrial detainees and sentenced misdemeanants within Washoe County.
- The Agency has an authorized strength of 494 commissioned, 331 civilian and 55 intermittent hourly employees.
- 61% Male, 39% Female; 78% White, 12% Hispanic, 4% Asian, 2% Black, 1% American Indian, 1% Pacific Islander, which nearly reflects the statistical diversity of our community.
- The Sheriff's Office has an annual operating budget of \$137M and has over \$5M in restricted funding such as grants and donations.

# Administrative Bureau

## Backgrounds

- 87 total new hires

## Civil

## Community Engagement/Communications

- Making a difference in the Washoe County community starts with the community. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office focuses on a collaborative, community-oriented approach to building strong partnerships and promoting public safety and trust. Through the Community Engagement Office, the WCSO maintains a constant presence within the community both virtually and in-person in addition to the Office's law enforcement function.
- The Community Relations Office completed 345 appearances and 140 hosted engagement events

## Dispatch

## Front Desk

## NNLEA (Northern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy)

## Office of Professional Integrity (OPI)

## Records

## R&D

## Training & Compliance

# Detention Bureau

Alternatives to Incarceration

2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Court Bailiffs

Court Transportation

DSU (Detention Services Unit)

- 2,636 Inmates served including applications for programs and services within and outside Washoe County. Represents an increase of 341%
- 429 Inmates transported to alternative programs in incarceration by the Inmate Assistance Program. Represents an increase of 55%
- 528 were approved for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits
- 549 were approved for Medicare
- 557 had auxiliary assignments

DRT (Detention Response Team)

IMU (Inmate Management Unit)

MAT (Medication Assisted Treatment)

Programs

- A large percentage of Inmates are participating in Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence and Parenting programs

# Operations Bureau

Civil

Investigations

Patrol

- Cases 4240
- Arrests 2040

MAIT

Marine 9

Motors

EOD

Extraditions

K9

NNITF

NNRIC

RAVEN

Regional Teams (RGU, RCSU, RNU, HEAT)

SAR

SWAT

# Detention Bureau – FY 22/23

Average Daily Population – 1,247

Male – 1,037

Female - 210

Average Length of Stay – 17 days

Bookings – 14,865

Mental Health

- 58% average Inmate population are prescribed mental health medication

Video Court Connections

iPads available for use within housing units

# Operations Bureau

- Calls for service
  - Washoe County Sheriff's Office – 79,020
  - WCSO Dispatched – 17,470
  - WCSO Police initiated – 33,994
  - WCSO Unspecified – 27,556
- Search and Rescue (SAR)
  - 83 responses
- RAVEN
  - 44 responses
- 136 responses involving the Incident Management Team

# Forensic Science Division

- Over 70 Local, State, Federal and Tribal agencies
- 13 of 17 counties in Northern and Central Nevada and one county in California

Scope of services –

- Breath Alcohol Calibration
  - 140 calibrations performed in 2023
- Controlled Substances
  - 392 assignments in 2023
- Crime Scenes
  - 169 assignments in 2023
- Firearms
  - 841 assignments in 2023
- Biology/DNA
  - 518 assignments in 2023
- Latent Print Processing
  - 123 assignments in 2023
- Latent Print Comparison
  - 121 assignments in 2023
- Toxicology (alcohol/drugs)
  - 4,604 assignments in 2023



# Body Cam Update

## Requests for BWC Footage:

BWC requests 133

## Costs for BWC Footage:

Currently do not charge a fee.

## Turnaround Time:

Turnaround time varies depending on what it is and how much footage there is or if they are looking for something specific. Timeframes can be delayed. Currently we are working on requests we received in September of 2023.

It takes approximately 1 hour to redact 10 minutes of footage.

# Behavioral Health Wellness

- Mental Health Wellness for commissioned and civilian is a priority for Sheriff and Executive Team
- NRS 289.510 - POST Public Hearing 2/22
  - Requires annual visit
- Mental Health Counselor on staff – available to all employees

**NRS 289.510 Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission: Powers and duties; regulations. [Effective January 1, 2023.]**

1. The Commission:
    - (a) Shall meet at the call of the Chair, who must be elected by a majority vote of the members of the Commission.
    - (b) Shall provide for and encourage the training and education of persons whose primary duty is law enforcement to ensure the safety of the residents of and visitors to this State.
    - (c) Shall adopt regulations establishing minimum standards for the certification and decertification, recruitment, selection and training of peace officers. The regulations must establish:
      - (1) Requirements for evaluations to be conducted during the recruitment and selection of peace officers, which must identify implicit bias on the part of a peace officer on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation or gender identity or expression;
      - (2) Requirements for basic training for category I, category II and category III peace officers and reserve peace officers;
      - (3) Standards for programs for the continuing education of peace officers, including minimum courses of study and requirements concerning attendance, which must require that all peace officers annually complete not less than 12 hours of continuing education in courses that address:
        - (I) Racial profiling;
        - (II) Mental health, including, without limitation, crisis intervention;
        - (III) The well being of officers;
        - (IV) Implicit bias recognition;
        - (V) De-escalation;
        - (VI) Human trafficking; and
        - (VII) Firearms.
      - (4) Qualifications for instructors of peace officers;
      - (5) Requirements for the certification of a course of training; and
      - (6) Standards for an annual behavioral wellness visit for peace officers to aid in preserving the emotional and mental health of the peace officer and assessing conditions that may affect the performance of duties by the peace officer.
    - (d) Shall, when necessary, present courses of training and continuing education courses for category I, category II and category III peace officers and reserve peace officers.
    - (e) May make necessary inquiries to determine whether the agencies of this State and of the local governments are complying with standards set forth in its regulations.
    - (f) Shall carry out the duties required of the Commission pursuant to [NRS 432B.610](#) and [432B.620](#).
    - (g) May perform any other acts that may be necessary and appropriate to the functions of the Commission as set forth in [NRS 289.450](#) to [289.680](#), inclusive.
    - (h) May enter into an interlocal agreement with an Indian tribe to provide training to and certification of persons employed as police officers by that Indian tribe.
    - (i) Shall develop and approve a standard curriculum of certified training programs in crisis intervention, which may be made available in an electronic format, and which address specialized responses to persons with mental illness and train peace officers to identify the signs and symptoms of mental illness, to de-escalate situations involving persons who appear to be experiencing a behavioral health crisis and, if appropriate, to connect such persons to treatment. A peace officer who completes any program developed pursuant to this paragraph must be issued a certificate of completion.
  2. Regulations adopted by the Commission:
    - (a) Apply to all agencies of this State and of local governments in this State that employ persons as peace officers;
    - (b) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the handling of cases involving abuse or neglect of children or missing children;
    - (c) Must require that all peace officers receive training in the handling of cases involving abuse, neglect, exploitation, isolation and abandonment of older persons or vulnerable persons; and
    - (d) May require that training be carried on at institutions which it approves in those regulations.
- (Added to NRS by [1999, 2421](#); A [2001, 1730](#); [2009, 2449](#); [2015, 831](#); [2019, 1009](#), [3495](#), [4462](#); [2021, 551](#), [574](#), [950](#), effective January 1, 2023)

Thank you