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LYON COUNTY SHERIFF

ANNUAL REPORT

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SHERIFF'S MESSAGE



It is truly an honor to serve the community as the Sheriff of Lyon County. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is staffed by remarkable men and women who serve our communities and represent some of the finest employees any Sheriff can ask for.

Every Division and Department of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office plays a pivotal role in serving our communities.

This report concludes my second year as the elected Sheriff of Lyon County. Broad changes to the Sheriff's Office occurred during the first year, and the second-year statistics show the benefits of those changes. The partnerships the Lyon County Sheriff's Office has developed over the past two years are incredible. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is committed to expanding those partnerships throughout the year and continuing to earn the trust and respect of the communities we serve. The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is fiercely committed to ensuring a true partnership with the communities we serve.

Respectfully,

Sheriff Brad Pope

LYON COUNTY SHERIFF

THE VISION

Sheriff Brad Pope envisions the Lyon County Sheriff's Office moving forward by continuing to aggressively pursue criminals, engage the community, and develop members of the Sheriff's Office through strong leadership, extreme ownership, and a commitment to professionalism.

THE MISSION

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is committed to aggressively and professionally enforcing the law and protecting our communities against those who choose a life of crime over our quality of life.

THE COMMUNITIES OF LYON COUNTY

One of Nevada's original nine counties, Lyon County was created on November 25, 1861.Lyon County is 2,024 square miles in total area, making it the fourth-smallest county in Nevada. Lyon County's communities are unique, and all have different cultures and vastly different needs. Lyon County includes Dayton, Fernley, Mound House, Silver City, Silver Springs, Stagecoach, Smith Valley, and the county seat is Yerington.



COMMAND STAFF



BRAD POPE
-SHERIFF-



MITCH BRANTINGHAM
-CHIEF DEPUTY-
NORTHERN PATROL
COMMANDER



RYAN POWELL
-SOUTHERN PATROL
COMMANDER-



ABEL ORTIZ
-WESTERN PATROL
COMMANDER-



JEFF MILLER
-CENTRAL PATROL
COMMANDER-



LIEUTENANT
TYRELL JOYNER
-INVESTIGATIONS-



LIEUTENANT
JOHN VANDIVER
-DETENTION-



LIEUTENANT
BRETT WILLEY
-DISPATCH-

STAFFING LEVELS

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office started 2025 with three (3) open Deputy positions. Those positions are going to be filled by February 1st, 2025!

This milestone is particularly noteworthy as it will be the first time in a decade that the Lyon County Sheriff's Office operates at full capacity, allowing us to better serve and protect the community.

TRAINING HOURS

In 2024, deputies from the Lyon County Sheriff's Office dedicated a total of 15,932 hours to training. This commitment reflects our ongoing efforts to enhance skills and ensure professional development within the department.

PROMOTIONS

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is proud to have promoted **6** personnel in the 2024 year.

The following Sergeant was promoted to Lieutenant



John VanDiver

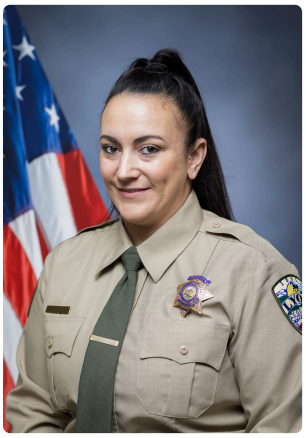
The following Deputies were promoted to Sergeants



Robert Stout



Peter Whitten



Brianne True



Shane Joyner



Mark Kosak

AWARDS & RECOGNITION





















COMMUNITY EVENTS































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COMMUNITY EVENTS

-NATIONAL NIGHT OUT-



























COMMUNITY EVENTS

-GOLF FOR THE BADGE- NIGHT IN THE COUNTRY



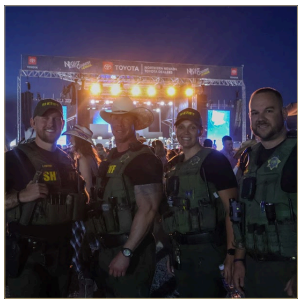








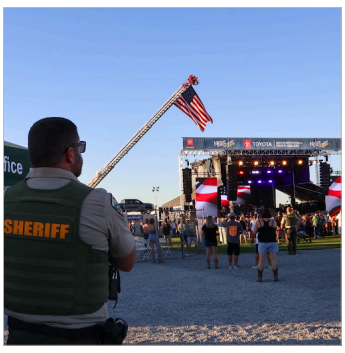










NIGHT IN THE COUNTRY

Mission:

This year, LCSO was approached by the Night in the Country and Boy's and Girl's Club staff, requesting that we act as the main law enforcement agency due to the retirement of the Yerington Police Chief. With that, all of the LE duties fell under the purview of LCSO, which included planning and coordination of security and enforcement for the event. LCSO partnered with YPD and Pershing County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit for law enforcement personnel at event. LCSO provided communications for the event via the use of the Dispatch center located off site. LCSO dispatchers worked both the law enforcement side, as well as the fire / medical side of the event, dispatch emergency services while the event was under way. The following statistics are from the 2024 Night in the Country Event:

July 24, 2024 – July 28, 2024

Total Law Enforcement personnel assigned to the event: **37**
Mounted Unit (Horse Patrol): **4**

Dispatched Calls for Service:

Injury Crash - 1
Non-Injury Crash - 2
Battery Report - 2
General Dispute - 4
Domestic Violence - 5
Fight in Progress - 9
Juvenile Incident - 3
Larceny - 1
Destruction of Property - 1
Medical – 41 (*Does not include walk-in medical to the mobile hospital*)
Minor consuming / possessing alcohol - 8

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TOTAL ARREST MADE - 4

COMMUNITY EVENTS

-TRUNK OR TREATS-





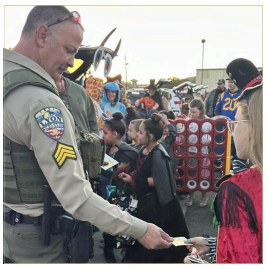




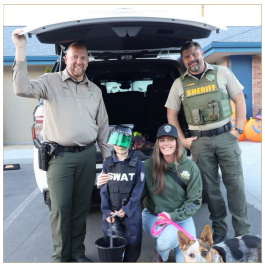















COMMUNITY EVENTS

-SHOP WITH A SHERIFF- STUFF SANTA'S BOOT-

































LYON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE STATISTICS



THE FOLLOWING DIVISIONS ARE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT:

Communitcations (Dispacth)
Crisis Negotiation Team
Detention
Investigations
Junior Deputy Program
K9 Unit
Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST)
Office of Traffic Safety (OTS)
Records
School Resource Officers (SRO)
Search and Rescue
Sex Offender Task Force
Sheriff's Traffic Enforcement Team (STET)
SWAT
Unmanned Aerial Vehicles
Volunteers in Policing (VIPS)

COMMUNICATIONS DIVISION



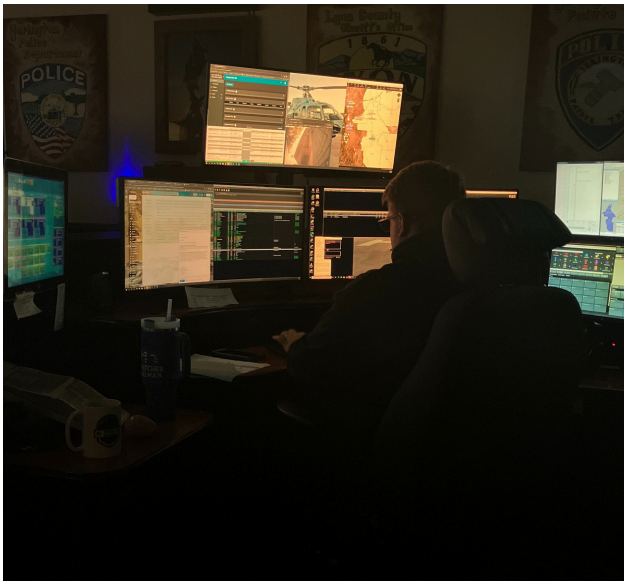
The Lyon County Sheriff's Communications Division (Dispatch) is overseen by Lieutenant Bret Willey. The following Dispatch personnel were promoted to Dispatch Supervisors in 2024:
Eric Engelman
Jacquelyn Miller
Shyanne Smith

The Lyon County Sheriff's Communications Division (Dispatch) received the following calls for service throughout 2024.

The total PSAP Calls for Service (Calls received by LCSO Dispatch): **51,163**

LCSO Calls for Service by Area Command:

Northern Command: 15,121
Central Command: 6,696
Western Command: 11,650
Southern Command: 4,569
S.O. Generic: 14,372



LCSO Traffic Stops by Area Command:

Northern Command: 2,218
Central Command: 1,576
Western Command: 3,006
Southern Command: 1,508

Lyon County Fire Protection Districts

North Lyon County FPD: **3,511**
Central Lyon County FPD: **4,269**
Mason Valley FPD: **1,251**
Smith Valley FPD: **239**

RESPONSE TIMES

	2022	2023	2024
Fernley Patrol Zone			
Priority 1	0:26:30	10:06	6:40
Priority 2	0:36:04	12:13	9:14
Priority 3	0:42:44	17:59	11:20
Silver Springs Patrol Zone			
Priority 1	0:26:51	13:50	11:24
Priority 2	0:37:30	15:44	11:18
Priority 3	1:02:58	20:14	17:48
Dayton Patrol Zone			
Priority 1	0:35:23	8:46	8:23
Priority 2	0:28:22	13:07	9:09
Priority 3	0:37:57	16:11	11:33
Walker River Patrol Zone			
Priority 1	0:29:30	9:59	11:11
Priority 2	0:25:57	16:13	11:55
Priority 3	0:35:46	22:23	17:42
Smith Valley Patrol Zone			
Priority 1			15:34
Priority 2			19:30
Priority 3			36:46
Mound House Patrol Zone			
Priority 1			10:37
Priority 2			13:25
Priority 3			16:51

***Due to 2022 having a response time in the hours,** time is shown in the following format: HH (Hour): MM (Minute): SC (Second)*

TRAFFIC STOPS

	2022	2023	2024
Total Traffic Stops in all of Lyon County	4,171	6,365	9,012
Total Traffic Stops in Dayton Patrol Zone	1,009	2,075	2,782
Total Traffic Stops in Fernley Patrol Zone	1,121	1,467	2,379
Total Traffic Stops in Mason Valley Patrol Zone	589	645	1,526
Total Traffic Stops in Silver Springs Patrol Zone	540	1,113	1,615
Total Traffic Stops in No Zone	921	1,065	710

TOTAL CITATIONS COUNTY WIDE IN 2024: 2,547



OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY (O.T.S.)



The Lyon County Sheriff's Office recieves grant funding from the State of Nevada, specifically for traffic enforcement on State roadways. Sergeant Julie Redmond oversees the program and received the following awards from the Nevada Department of Public Safety - Joining Forces/Office of Traffic Safety in 2024: Joining Forces Coordinator of the Year, Outstanding Officer of the Year, and Outstanding Leadership.

OTS STATISTICS	2023	2024
Total OTS Contacts and/or Traffic Stops	1,869	1,977
Cites:	921	1,064
Warnings:	805	913
Speed:	404	788
Equip/Open Container/Other:	395	621
Driver's License Violation:	56	149
DUI/Drug/Warrant Arrests:	45	72
No Insurance:	34	56
Reckless:	0	5

SHERIFF'S TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT TEAM (S.T.E.T.)



STET is overseen by Sergeant Gabriel Santos.
In 2024 STET dedicated **75 hours** to STET operations and conducted **173 stops**.

2024 STET CITATIONS

TRAFFIC VIOLATION	NUMBER OF CITATIONS
SPEED	75
REGISTRATION VIOLATION	10
NO PROOF OF INSURANCE	8
DRIVERS LICENSE VIOLATION	6
RED/NON-RES DRIVERS LICENSE	2
DUTY TO MOVE, SLOW, OR PULL OVER FOR EMV	2
FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN	1
SEATBELT	1
PASSING IN SCHOOL ZONE	1
TOTAL	**106**

2024 STET WARNINGS

TRAFFIC VIOLATION	NUMBER OF WARNINGS
SPEED	27
IMPROPER STOP OR FAILURE TO STOP AT STOP SIGN	13
PASSING IN SCHOOL ZONE	1
U-TURN IN SCHOOL ZONE	3
RES/NON-RES DL OR REGISTRATION	2
DRIVERS LICENSE VIOLATION	12
NO PROOF OF INSURANCE	4
REGISTRATION VIOLATION	5
TOTAL	**67**

DETENTION DIVISION



The Detention Center is overseen by Lieutenant John VanDiver.
The following are the 2024 booking statistics:

Total Bookings: **1,756**
Total Bookings via Lyon County Sheriff's Office Arrests: **1,311**
Total Bookings via Outside Agency Arrests: **445**
Total Releases: **1,821**
Average Incarceration Time: **11 days 10 hours**
Average Daily Population: **90 inmates (72 Male, 18 Female)**

Average Inmate Crime Classification

Court Commitment	2
Class E Tribal Charge	3
Felony	55
Gross Misdemeanor	5
Assist Other Agency- On Hold	3
Misdemeanor	10
Other	12

Reason for Release

Hold Authority	22
Book and Release	30
Cash Bail	183
Charge(s) Dismissed	2
CPC Authority	1
No Charges Filed	32
ICE	2
Medical Authority	2
To Other Agency	151
On Bond	194
On Recognizance	823
By Judge	8
To Probation Officer	33
To Correctional Facility	52
Temporarily	45
By Tribal Authority	4
Time Served	220



OUTSIDE AGENCY ARRESTS

The following are the 2024 booking statistics for arrests made by outside agencies who were booked into the Lyon County Detention Center:

Arresting Agency	**Number of Bookings**
Carson City Sheriff's Office	1
Duckwater Tribe Police	1
Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribal	1
Fernley Justice Court	5
Fernley Marshal's Office	24
Fernley Municipal Court	9
Lyon County Juvenile Probation	2
Mineral County Sheriff's Office	7
Nevada Division of Invest	10
Nevada Division of State Parks	6
Nevada Highway Patrol	190
Nevada Parole & Probation	39
Nevada Wildlife Enforcement	1
Nevada Youth Parole Bureau	7
Storey County Sheriff's Office	1
US Department of Wildlife	1
Walker River Tribal Fire	1
Walker River Tribal Police	16
Yerington Paiute Tribal Police	37
Yerington Police Department	86

INMATE WORKCREWS

The following is a compilation of the various work crews that were active in 2024:

1. Stagecoach Spud Field – weed removal
2. Yerington Cemetery – weed removal
3. Yerington Cemetery – weed removal
4. Fair and Rodeo Grounds – weed removal
5. Fair and Rodeo Grounds – weed removal
6. Fair and Rodeo Grounds – weed removal
7. Fair and Rodeo Grounds – weed removal
8. Fair and Rodeo Grounds – weed removal
9. Downtown Yerington – litter removal
10. Silver Springs Cemetery – weed and litter removal
11. Hillcrest Cemetery – weed removal
12. Green Valley Park – weed and litter removal
13. Smith Valley Park – weed and litter removal
14. Penny Park – weed and litter removal
15. District Court – assembly of 6 desks (3 days)
16. District Court – assembly of over 60 chairs (2 days)
17. Surroundings of the jail – removal of weeds from the exterior

In total, these **17 trustee work crews** accumulated over **170 hours of labor**. Each crew consisted of 2 to 4 inmates, all under the supervision of at least 2 deputies.

Total number of work crews: 17
Total hours worked by crews: 170





INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

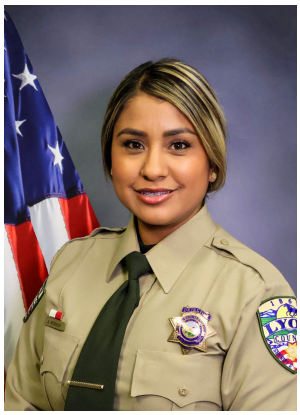
The Lyon County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division is comprised of three different divisions which are the Major Crimes Division, the Special Investigations Unit, and the Deputy Coroner. The following is a statistical breakdown of each division for the year 2024.















INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

MAJOR CRIMES

The vast majority of Investigations conducted by the Major Crimes Division are Felony Investigations and are assigned to the Investigations Division by each patrol area. From January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, the Major Crimes Division has been assigned **199 Cases**. The Major Crimes Division has completed **518 reports** which is broken down into **78 original reports** and **440 supplement reports**. Major Crimes Detectives have executed **87 Search Warrants**, conducted **24 Computer Voice Stress Analysis Tests**, attended **45 Child Forensic Interviews** and have been called out on **35 occasions**.

The following are specific numbers showing the types of Felony Investigations conducted by the Major Crimes Division in 2024:

Homicides - 2
Violent Crimes (Battery with a deadly weapon, etc.) – 6
Suspicious Death / Suicide - 17
Adult vs Adult sex crime - 17
Adult vs Juvenile sex crime – 53
Juvenile vs Juvenile sex crime - 22
Child Abuse – 10
Miscellaneous Juvenile Incidents - 11
Missing Persons – 9
Child Pornography – 16
Property Crimes / Theft – 11
Fraud Crimes – 8
Elder Abuse – 2
Stalking, harassment, threats – 8
Bestiality – 1

Numerous arrests have been made stemming from these investigations to include **2 Homicide arrests.** Many of these investigations are closed pending the issuance of arrest warrants,while many other investigations are still on-going.

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION

SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS UNIT

The Special Investigations Unit is a pro-active plain clothes investigative unit consisting of a Detective Sergeant, a Detective and a K9 Handler. The majority of the investigations conducted by the Special Investigations Unit are self-generated from pro-active policing. From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024, the Special Investigations Unit made **318 Traffic Stops** and deployed a **K9 on 159 traffic stops.** The Special Investigations Unit completed a total of **266 reports** which is broken into **161 Original Reports** and **105 Supplement Reports**. The Special Investigations Unit has conducted a total of **71 Narcotics Investigations** and have executed **63 Search Warrants.**

From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the Special Investigations Unit has made **128 arrests and seized the following:**

3.8 pounds of methamphetamine
6.9 grams of heroin
13.4 grams of fentanyl
49.7 grams of cocaine
30 grams of illegal prescription pills
30 vials of steroids
4,700 pounds of marijuana

The Special Investigations Unit recovered **1 stolen motor vehicle, seized 19 illegal firearms, and recovered over $200,000.00 worth of stolen property.**

INVESTIGATIONS DIVISON

DEPUTY CORONER

The Deputy Coroner Division consists of one Deputy Coroner who is responsible for overseeing all Coroner Investigations completed within Lyon County. From January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024, the Deputy Coroner has been assigned **200 Death Investigations**. The Deputy Corner has completed **56 original reports and 167 Supplement reports**. More specifically, the Deputy Coroner has responded to and assumed responsibility of **56 death scenes** and has additionally assumed responsibility for approximately **144 death investigations** in which Deputies from the Patrol Division responded to the original call for service. The Deputy Coroner position has been a huge success in streamlining Coroner Investigations which includes next of kin notification, contacting numerous Doctors, scheduling extremal examinations and autopsies with the Washoe County Medical Examiner's Office, coordinating with funeral homes, and coordinating organ donations. In its second year of existence, the Deputy Coroner position has proven to be a vital role in this agency.

CONCLUSION

2024 was a busy year for the Lyon County Sheriff's Office Investigations Division and we look forward to continuing our pursuit for justice in 2025!

Respectfully submitted,
Detective Lieutenant T. Joyner



SWAT TEAM

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office SWAT Team successfully apprehended several suspects at various locations throughout Lyon County in 2024. The Team collaborated with Patrol Operations and the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) during critical incidents, including the arrest of Adam Miller. Additionally, our Department and the SWAT Team led a large-scale marijuana eradication operation, working alongside neighboring agencies as well as state and federal law enforcement. The initial tip was received by a Patrol Deputy, who diligently followed up with SIU, leading to actionable intelligence. Approximately **seventy** individuals participated in this operation.

The SWAT Team has begun testing new applicants two to three times a year. Out of approximately ten applicants, **4 Lyon County Deputies have successfully completed and passed the POST-Basic SWAT Operators Course**. A Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ranger also attended this course and became certified, and we continue to work closely with the BLM Ranger.

The SWAT Team has integrated Tactical Explosive Breaching into its operations and successfully conducted a live breach on an operational target. Currently, there are **2 certified Tactical Explosive Breachers within the Team**, and we aim to certify one more Operator. The SWAT Team has supported the Nevada Division of Investigations (NDI) by providing a certified instructor cadre for training National Guard personnel and conducting live operations to locate illegal marijuana grows in eastern Nevada. We maintain a working relationship with the Reno Police Department (RPD) SWAT Team's Ropes Access Team, which provides personnel to train our Team in the Special Operations Combatives Program (SOC-P).

The SWAT Team has actively participated in community events and parades to support Sheriff Pope's objectives in 2024 by showcasing the SWAT Team vehicle for community viewing.

Overall, the SWAT Team has significantly expanded its operations and capabilities in 2024, thanks to strong support from the Sheriff and Command Staff, and we will continue this progress in 2025.

K9 UNIT



The Lyon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) K9 Unit is a critical component of our law enforcement operations. In 2024, the unit was comprised of five skilled handlers and their dedicated K9 partners. The team is overseen by Sergeant Matthew Galvin and continues to demonstrate exceptional effectiveness in supporting law enforcement efforts, particularly in the areas of suspect apprehension and the detection of illegal substances and firearms.

K9 Unit Composition

The K9 Unit includes four dual-purpose dogs—Blady, Borys, Kai, and Ares. They are trained for both suspect apprehension and the detection of illegal drugs (excluding marijuana). Additionally, K9 Linda partnered with SRO Deputy McCullough, specializes in detecting illegal drugs (including marijuana), firearms, and ammunition. The K9 teams are as follows: Sergeant Matt Galvin and K9 Blady, Sergeant Wayne Hawley and K9 Borys, Deputy Ramiro Soukup and K9 Kai. Deputy Bran Kharrl and K9 Ares, and SRO Deputy Mike McCullough and K9 Linda.

Operational Deployments and Achievements

In 2024, the LCSO K9 Unit was **deployed on 490 occasions** for drug detection and enforcement operations. These efforts resulted in **155 arrests** and the significant seizure of **contraband with an estimated street value of $163,099.00**. These seizures include:

- **1,714.3 grams of methamphetamine**
- **1,412 grams of marijuana**
- **45.5 grams of cocaine**
- **28.05 grams of fentanyl**
- **16.1 grams of heroin**
- **11.6 grams of psilocybin mushrooms**
- **$6,838 in U.S. currency**

Additionally, the unit was **deployed 37 times** for suspect searches and apprehensions, leading to seven arrests and two use-of-force incidents involving K9 engagement.

K9 UNIT

Conclusion

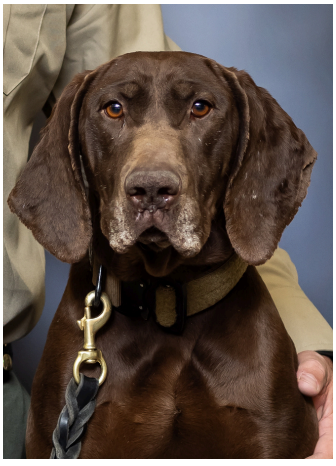
The LCSO K9 Unit continues to play a pivotal role in advancing public safety and law enforcement objectives in Lyon County. The unit's success in drug interdiction and suspect apprehension underscores the effectiveness of the partnership between handlers and their K9 partners. As we move into 2025, the dedication and expertise of the K9 Unit remain essential to the ongoing mission of protecting and serving our community. This year's achievements are a testament to the commitment of the entire K9 Unit, and their contributions have set a high standard of excellence for the year ahead.











CRISIS NEGOTIATIONS TEAM



Lyon County Sheriff's Office's Crisis Negotiations Team (CNT) is overseen by Nicole Ciseneros has a total of 9 positions, with 4 of those 9 currently filled. We are currently working to fill our open positions.

CNT was present for 5 incidents throughout Lyon County this past year. Including; A battery with a firearm at Lake Lahontan, the illegal marijuana growth operation in Silver Springs, and the search for a murder suspect in Fernley.

Our most recent incident with CNT involved the attempted location of a suspect who was wanted for a homicide case. CNT was requested to be at Incident Command and attempted to make contact with the suspect. Though ultimately contact was not made by CNT, we were able to coordinate with Washoe County's negotiation team to collect additional information on the suspect for Incident Command.

CNT's function is to gather valuable information, assess the mental state of the individuals involved, and facilitate a safer outcome for all parties. While we are not always able to make contact, we are able to assist in other ways, such as information gathering. Our team is trained to communicate effectively, build rapport, and de-escalate intense situations in the hope that it will not resort to force.

Our goal for this next year is to continue to assist the department in emergency situations, get our team fully staffed, and fully train the new members of our team.

After coordinating with Washoe County's CNT, I realized CNT can have a larger role in emergency incidents, in addition to making contact with a subject and negotiating. The Intel gathering that Washoe County was completing was impressive and beneficial. I would like for Lyon County's team to do the same. Often we have a difficult time initiating contact with suspects and are at a standstill or by the time CNT is paged the suspects already rejected any attempts of contact. With the Intel gathering aspect, CNT can provide more services and assistance to Incident Command.

The Crisis Negations Team is filled with dedicated individuals who strive to contribute to the safety and success of the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

Nicole Cisneros
Crisis Negotiation Team Leader

SEX OFFENDER TASK FORCE



The Lyon County Sheriff's Office Sex Offender Task Force is overseen by Deputy Ziegenfuss and is comprises three deputies and one administrative assistant. The Task Force's primary responsibility is to oversee all registered sexual offenders in Lyon County to ensure compliance with registration terms and to initiate criminal investigations when violations and/or noncompliance occurs.

2024 Key Accomplishments

Total Offenders Overseen: 251 registered sexual offenders.

- Fernley: 89
- Silver Springs/Stagecoach: 86
- Dayton: 44
- Mason/Smith Valley: 32

Registration Verifications Completed: 701

Criminal Investigations:

- **12 investigations** conducted for noncompliance or violations of registration conditions

  Resulting in:

  - **7 arrests**
  - **5 requests for arrest** warrants submitted to the Lyon County District Attorney's Office

Looking Ahead

To improve operational efficiency and offender management, the Task Force is exploring:

- **Software Enhancements**: To streamline tracking and notification processes.
- **Training Opportunities**: Focused on advanced compliance monitoring and notification techniques, as well as investigation tools.

This proactive approach reflects the Task Force's commitment to community safety and continuous improvement in offender oversight.

MOBILE OUTREACH SAFETY TEAM (M.O.S.T.)

The Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) was created when it became clear there was a need in our community to provide an intensive law enforcement response to mental illness, beyond the Crisis Intervention Training (CIT) program.
MOST can be called to any part of Lyon County to assess a person's mental health status and needs, directing and/or transporting them to the most appropriate resource to assist them and keep them out of the criminal justice system. The MOST intervention capability provides a more proactive response to the community to attempt to intervene earlier in the mental illness cycle and utilize less costly services while also decreasing the law enforcement calls for service. MOST is also designed to create a safer environment for the mentally ill and for deputies responding to potential crises.

Goals and Functions

- **Early and Voluntary Intervention**: Avoid costly emergency room visits and hospitalization if possible.
- **Reduction of Calls for Service**: Decrease law enforcement involvement in mental health crises and handle calls requiring specialized expertise.
- **Focus on Crisis Intervention**: MOST workers do not carry caseloads or provide ongoing therapy but specialize in crisis intervention and connecting individuals with appropriate services.

Currently, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office has dedicated one full-time deputy to MOST. Lyon County Human Services has dedicated multiple full-time and contract employees to handle clinical and case management duties.

MOBILE OUTREACH SAFETY TEAM (M.O.S.T.)

Calls for Service

In 2024, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office MOST Deputy responded to an impressive **703 calls for service**. This reflects the program's vital role in addressing mental health crises effectively and compassionately.

Looking Ahead

As we close out 2024, the Lyon County Sheriff's Office remains committed to enhancing the MOST programs. With continued focus on mental health interventions, our team will strive to build stronger connections and support systems for the communities they serve.

The achievements of this year reflect the dedication of our deputies and their partnership with mental health services, and the wider community. Together, we aim for an even safer and more supportive environment for all residents of Lyon County in the coming year.

M.O.S.T.
MOBILE OUTREACH
SAFETY TEAM

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (S.R.O.)

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office is proud to reflect on the accomplishments and impact of its School Resource Officer (SRO) Program over the past year. The SRO team, comprising three dedicated deputies, has provided essential support to the 15 schools spread across Lyon County (excluding Yerington area schools).

Team Overview

- Deputy Mike McCullough and K9 Linda: Assigned to schools in the Dayton area.
- Deputy Ted Ziegenfuss: Serves schools in the Silver Springs and Smith Valley areas.
- Deputy Melody Holland: Focuses on schools in the Fernley area.

Calls for Service

In 2024, the SROs responded to an impressive **948 calls for service** within our schools. These calls underscore the critical role of the SRO team in maintaining safety, addressing incidents, and ensuring a secure learning environment for students and staff.

Educational and Community Engagement

Beyond handling calls for service, the SROs have taken on a proactive approach to student engagement and education:

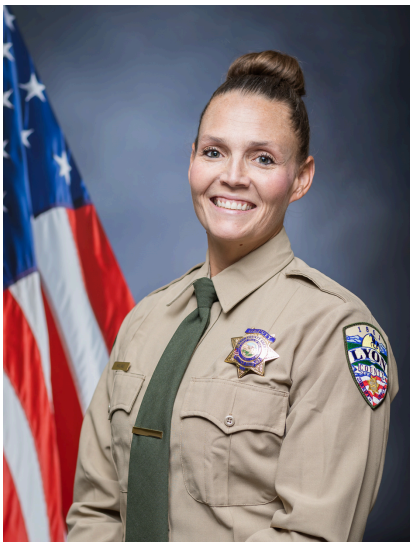
- **Educational Presentations**: Delivered tailored presentations to students on topics including safety, conflict resolution, and community awareness.
- **Junior Deputy Programs**: Oversaw the Junior Deputy Programs in each of their assigned areas, fostering leadership and a sense of civic responsibility among participating students.
- **Event Participation**: Attended numerous school events, strengthening relationships with students, parents, and school staff while emphasizing the importance of a collaborative community approach to safety.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROGRAM (S.R.O.)

Looking Ahead

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The achievements of this year reflect the dedication of Deputies McCullough, Ziegenfuss, Holland, and their partnership with the schools and wider community. Together, we aim for an even safer and more supportive environment for the students of Lyon County in the coming year.







JUNIOR DEPUTY PROGRAM



The Lyon County Sheriff's Office Junior Deputy Program participated in the following events in 2024:

KIDS DAY IN THE PARK
June 27 1000-1400 Dayton 6 Jr Deputies 24 hours
NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
August 9 1600-200 Fernley 6 Jr Deputies 24 Hours
Lyon County Fair & RODEO
August 15 1700-2100 Yerington 3 Jr Deputies 12 Hours
August 16 1700-2100 Yerington 7 Jr Deputies 28 Hours
August 17 1700-2200 Yerington 6 Jr Deputies 30 Hours
DAYTON VALLEY DAYS
September 21 0900-1800 Dayton 2 Jr Deputies 18 Hours
September 22 0900-1600 Dayton 6 Jr Deputies 42 Hours
Silver Springs FOUNDERS DAY
October 12 0830-1600 Silver Springs 2 Jr Deputies 15 Hours
DAYTON LIBRARY TRUNK OR TREAT
October 20 1600-1900 Dayton 1 Jr Deputy 3 Hours
CALVARY CHAPEL TRUNK OR TREAT
October 26 1500-1800 Dayton 1 Jr Deputy 3 Hours
STAGECOACH COMMUNITY CENTER TRUNK OR TREAT
October 27 1700-200 Stagecoach 2 Jr Deputies 6 Hours
SHOP With A SHERIFF
December 13 1600-2000 Fernley 5 Jr Deputies 20 Hours





TOTAL HOURS OF SERVICE IN 2024: 225

Two classes per month, 2 hours each class; classes ran through first half of November.

22 HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING TOTAL



RECORDS DIVISION



The Lyon County Records Division is overseen by Colleen Straub. The Records Division completed a total of **7,585 reports** in the 2024 year.

Reports by Area	
Dayton	1,480
Fernley	1,890
Mound House	161
Mason Valley	381
Lyon County Sheriff's Office	116
Silver Springs	810
Smith Valley	42
Yerington PD	142
Total	**5,022**

CCWs

Non-Resident Initial: 5
Non-Resident Renewal: 5
Resident Initial: 594
Resident Renewal: 434
TOTAL: 1,038

Other Services:

Background checks: 1,807
Civils processed: 4,407
Phone Calls Received: 22,965
Record Requests: 3,835 (Individual Court, Insurance,Other LE Agency request)
Arrest Warrants Entered: 864
Walk-in Assisted: 4,902
Sex Offender Registration: 755
Ex-felon registration: 91

FOIAs/Public Record Requests: 37

District Attorney Non-Prosecution Memos: 621

Brothel Work Cards

Prostitute: 149
Other/Non-Prostitutional Brothel Employees: 90
TOTAL: 239

VOLUNTEERS IN POLICING

Sergeant Nathan Cooper is the program manager for the Volunteers in Policing (VIPS). The VIPS currently have **32 volunteer personnel** on roster. The following is a summary of the hours worked and assistance that they provided for the Lyon County Sheriff's Office:

Hours Volunteered per Assignment

Assignments	Hours
Patrol	6,290
Special Assignment	1,031
Admin Support	1,132
Meetings	658
Training	48
Vehicle Maintenance	93
Total Hours	**9,252**





VIP Services Provided in 2024

Service	Number Provided
Housewatch	8,614
VIN Checks	1,908
Special Events	50
Civils	1,252

UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES



The Lyon County Sheriff's Office Unmanned Aerial Vehicles Division is overseen by Sergeant William McDaniel. The following information outlines the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) by the Lyon County Sheriff's Office.

The versatility of the LCSO UAVs this year has been remarkable. They're not just about capturing aerial views of sprawling crime scenes; they're about transforming how law enforcement operates.

In Lyon County, UAVS has become indispensable in tactical operations. They provide real-time aerial monitoring, which is crucial in large-scale public events or complex Sheriff's Office operations. This aerial advantage extends the reach of law enforcement, offering perspectives that were once unattainable without the use of manned aircraft.

Beyond flight duration and night vision, our UAVS are also equipped with features like zoom lenses for detailed visual monitoring from a safe distance. Some models can even carry additional payloads, such as loudspeakers for public announcements or life vests during lake events.

Integrating drones into LCSO is not just about adding a tool to the arsenal; it's about enhancing the capabilities of the deputies. UAVS provides a level of situational awareness that was previously unattainable, allowing for more informed decision-making and strategic planning.

Furthermore, the technology powering the LCSO UAVS is constantly advancing, expanding the scope of what is achievable in law enforcement operations. With these technological advancements, new opportunities arise to bolster public safety, optimize operational efficiency, and empower us to tackle contemporary policing challenges.
This year, the Tech Team/SAR has **deployed more than 50 times,** including barricaded subjects, surveillance, tactical breaching, large-scale searches, training, and even keeping the participants and Night in the Country safe. This was with three Lyon County Sheriff's Office personnel and two Search and Rescue pilots. Four more pilots were added this year.

SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Lyon County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team is overseen by Sergeant William McDaniel, with Patty Polish as the Head Coordinator. The following are the Search and Rescue statistics for 2024:

The key to successful search and rescue operations is the right combination of personnel, training, and specialized equipment, and the Lyon County Sheriff's Search and Rescue has just that. In 2024 Search and Rescue logged in **10,322 hours**, which is equivalent to five full-time deputies. In 2024 we had **43 calls for service** as denoted below:

Call Type	Number of Calls
Body Recovery from River	1
Evidence Search	2
Search for Juvemile involved in accident	1
Missing or Lost Person(s)	14
Missing Persons with use of SAR K9	1
Mutual Aid	11
Night in the Country	3
Report and Search for Human Remains	6
Stranded Boaters	2
Stuck or Crashed Vehicle	2

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Search and Rescue had a total of **37** training days in 2024. The training topics included but were not limited to: CPR/First Aid, Investigative Man Tracking and Search, Technical Large Animal Rescue, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle, Radio Directional Finding for Downed Aircraft, and Emergency Medical Response.

Search and Rescue was also able to attend **26** community events in 2024. These included Point in Time Count (in partnership with Lyon County Human Services), Search and Rescue Bingo Nigh to support Project Life Vest, Project Life Vest, Lyon County's Annual Kids Days at the Park, Lyon County Sheriff's Office National Night Out, Lyon County Fair & Rodeo Parade, Dayton Valley Days, Nevada Day Parade, and many more.



The Lyon County Sheriff's Office Search and Rescue Team is pleased to assist the Lyon County Sheriff's Office in providing safety to the people and communities within Lyon County.



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