

Hello,

Seems like I just finished one of these updates but it has been a while so here goes. Next week the Court Expansion opens for use which brings with it some adjustments. First off the DCA – Criminal division will be housed in the basement of the expansion so please give yourself a little extra time to find them your first time over there for court. We are excited about the completion of this building as our Jail Expansion project can start now. Our Corrections people have been working on the expansion project for over a year already and will be gearing up for the construction phase in the coming months.

On Memorial Day retired Trooper Mark Clark from NHP passed away. Most of you did not know him but he was a resident trooper assigned to Henderson back in the early 80's and was jokingly referred to as an Honorary Henderson Officer due to his close work with us. Mark was laid to rest on Tuesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Pahrump, with representatives from our Honor Guard and Command Team in attendance. Mark was a great friend and brother officer, he will be missed.

The legislative session is over and what a ride it was. We were successful in having the NRS changed to allow Municipal PD's to enforce commercial vehicle regulations, which is a great tool for our Traffic Bureau. I want to recognize the hard work of our Traffic Bureau and the skillful testimony that Officer Mark Schaible gave during the Legislative Committee meetings which helped this bill get passed into law. Great Job Mark you represented us very well.

We were not as successful in getting the More Cops Sales Tax increase passed. This bill died in the session and we will be going back to the legislature in 2011 to try again. Although this is a disappointment the second ¼ % sales tax increase is still approved by the voters and we will work even harder in two years to ensure we get that enacted. The major reason for this bill not being passed during this session is the current economic situation and in 2011 I am confident the economy will have at least begun its recovery. One other aspect of our financial situation is the CHRP grant we applied for. As of this email we have not been given any updates on the status of our grant application. As soon as I hear anything I will ensure the information is passed on, we are keeping our fingers crossed.

The three tiered contingency plan was completed and submitted to the City last week. This was a very difficult plan to develop, and I want to thank the Command Team and the Planning and Analysis bureau for all their hard work in going through this process. It is very unlikely that the PD will ever be asked to implement even one of the tiers but having a plan and discussing the consequences of significant cuts is a great opportunity to corroborate how efficient we have become.

Lets switch gears a little, the K9 Unit proudly announced that Officer Nick Papacs and his K9 partner Dino are now certified and hitting the streets. Great Job Nick. This was also a great achievement for K9 Training Officer Oberding and our training program. This is the first completely "green" dog that they have successfully trained within our training program. "Green" means that the dog came to us with absolutely no prior training or certifications. Great Job Joe.

Since we are discussing accomplishments, CST Meghan Bone successfully passed the Crime Scene Technician Practical Exercise (One Year). The practical was a challenging exercise that tested her knowledge, skills and abilities in a number of areas that are required for the Crime Scene Technician position. This is a great achievement, congratulations Meghan, Great Job!

We took some time this afternoon to gather together and wish Officer Tom Ferrara well as he finishes his work here at the PD and transitions into the retired lifestyle. Tom has been a great officer, who came to work everyday and made a difference. In the last several years he has been that steady shoulder a lot of us have used when the stresses of this work and our lives catch up to us, he always helped. Hopefully he will still stop in every now and then so we can reminisce.

One last little story, about those pesky noises you hear sometimes when you are having engine problems. A couple of weeks ago when I arrived to work and walked away from my unit, I heard a strange sound. I immediately looked around thinking someone, it could have been anyone, was playing a joke on me. Well I was in the basement alone and still heard the noise so I walked around my unit and discovered that the ruckus was coming from the engine compartment but then stopped as quickly as it had started. A

while later I made mention of this to Captain Stilson who asked a PVA to check into it. The PVA's went to inspect my vehicle and yes they heard it too, so they took the vehicle to the City Yards. Several hours later, the cause of the noise was discovered – and the attached picture will give you the rest of the story.

Thanks to our PVA's who are always helping us out even when the problem seems "unusual", thanks to the City Yards crew who tore the vehicle apart, and to Glenn Gillespie who adopted the little noise maker.

I always feel like I should add more to these updates because all of you do such great things everyday, you make a difference, you change lives. This is a great Department because of how well each and everyone of you do your jobs, thanks for that. The link below is to a story about crime rates. It may not say it in the article but you can read between the lines, even the Las Vegas Sun knows Henderson is the safest City because of all of you.

<http://www.lasvegassun.com/news/2009/jun/04/rate-violent-crime-drops-las-vegas/>

Stay safe, watch out for each other, work together.

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