



REGIONAL
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Getting to Know Us: Officer Clinton Nelms



Clinton Nelms began his career as an ACO with the City of Sacramento in 2006 where he received several awards and commendations during his time there. He completed a Law Enforcement Academy in 2007. He was certified in several subjects under POST including Illegal Animal Fighting. He was a certified instructor and trained and certified fellow officers in use of self defense tools. In 2013, he was promoted to ACO level 2. He assisted in creating and implementing programs that were Pit Bull related and specific to low -income and high violation areas of the city. He came to WCRAS in 2016. He values the diversity of the animals and people in Washoe County and enjoys the opportunity to come into contact with animals of all species rather than just dogs and cats. His personal interests are camping in the sierra Nevada's, riding quads and side by sides in the desert above his home in Washoe Valley. He has two Pit Bulls named Nasty and Wobbles that he personally removed from abusive homes. He is an avid Raiders and Nevada Wolfpack football fan.

Perry Fire

When the Perry Fire broke out on Saturday, July 28th, it quickly started closing in on several homes. We received the call for voluntary evacuations just after we closed our front office for the day. By the time our staff arrived on scene, the voluntary evacuations turned into mandatory evacuations. Several of our Animal Control officers assisted animal owners to get to Ironwood Events Center where our staff was staged. WCRAS staff worked around the clock at the center, ready to assist at anytime . It didn't matter if someone needed to be evacuated at 3 in the morning or 3 in the afternoon, our staff was ready to go. The Perry Fire evacuation has been one of the largest that our department has handled with 124 chickens, 85 dogs, 63 goats, 52 horses, 30 cats, 5 pigs, 5 cows, 4 sheep, 3 alpaca, 1 donkey, 1 turkey and 1 llama; totaling 374 animals! We want to shout out a thank you to all the firefighters that worked hard to protect homes and lives . We also want to thank the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Department for assisting with evacuations and directing traffic. Thank you to Washoe County Human Services and Red Cross for working together and finding places for those that were evacuated to stay overnight. We also want to give a special thank you to Ironwood Events Center! They opened their doors and allowed us to house all of the animals at their facility for six days! Their staff was out at the facility every day checking on everything and assisting where they could. They were essential to the success of this evacuation to keep things running as smooth as possible. Thank you to everyone that helped and participated, you are all greatly appreciated.



River Sweep in Sparks

The Sparks Police Department requested our assistance with their Mobile Outreach Safety Team and Volunteers of America to do a sweep of homeless camps along the Truckee river. Sparks Police have cracked down and said no camping along the river. Our officers worked with Sparks Police Officers and volunteers and made some friends along the way. Since the sweep many people have been able to utilize, see and enjoy the river as we should be able to. If you haven't been through the area recently, we recommend you take a bike ride or walk along the path and experience the beautiful river yourself! Thank you Sparks Police for including us on this sweep. We enjoyed going out and working as a team to give some assistance to people with pets!



Park Patrols

Our officers have been busy educating owners on the importance of keeping their dogs leashed and picking up after them in public areas! We have been receiving many calls in different parks for dogs being unrestrained and owners not picking up after them. Because of these calls, we are patrolling the areas more often and starting to issue citations on the spot! WCRAS advises the public that our officers don't take pride or joy in having to issue a citation just because you won't leash your dog or pick up after them. WCRAS asks that you keep your dog on a leash at all times, unless it is a designated off-leash area, and to pick up after them when they defecate. There are multiple off-leash areas throughout town. If you do need to run your dog, take them to designated off-leash areas. Visit our website for more information https://www.washoecounty.us/animal/information/dog_parks.php . Help us to all enjoy our parks and open spaces. Leash your dog!



WCRAS thanks you!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday October 2nd: Low Cost Vaccination and microchip Clinic

*2825 Longley Ln, Ste. A, Reno, NV (WCRAS) 3:00pm –7:00pm

Tuesday October 16th: Free vaccination clinic and pet food distribution for pets belonging to seniors (**must be 60+ w/ ID**) *1155 9th, Reno, NV (Human Services Center) 9:00am— 12:00pm

Tuesday November 6th: Low Cost Vaccination and microchip Clinic

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