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2022 YEAR END NEWSLETTER

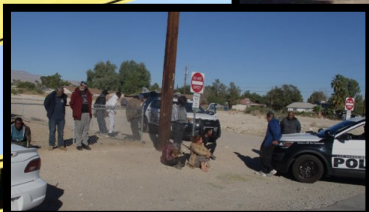
FOR AS LONG AS IT TAKES

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Abandoned buildings and squatters usually go hand in hand. Since 2018, this blighted property, Clark County Code Enforcement has had eight active cases for a variety of violations. After each complaint, Code Enforcement was able to straightaway get the violations corrected. Of the eight cases, four liens have been placed and CCPRO will continue to address each and every complaint for as long as it takes.

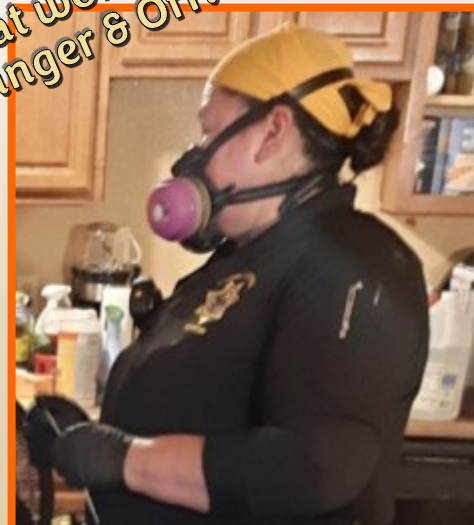
Beginning in October of 2022, after a number of complaints made to METRO for squatters living in an abandoned home, CCPRO obtained a warrant for accumulation of solid waste, inoperable junk vehicles and squatters. In a joint effort, METRO C.O.P, Code Enforcement, Animal Protection Services, along with a local contractor served the warrant. When the warrant was being served, METRO removed 34 squatters from the inside of the residence, as well as, those living in the rear yard, while Animal Protection Services removed two large dogs. Drug paraphernalia and evidence of identity theft was found which prompted METRO to get an additional warrant for their own investigation. As a result of METRO's warrant and violations found by Code Enforcement, the property owner was arrested. In an effort to eliminate the return of any unwanted squatters, a local contractor cleaned the exterior area, boarded and secured the home. An additional lien was placed on the property in the amount of \$3,400 and Clark County Code Enforcement will continue to do their part to keep the neighborhood safe, for as long as it takes.



IN OVER YOUR HEAD

On August 16, 2022, Clark County Animal Protection Services (CCAPS) received a complaint of 50-70 cats living in a two bedroom suite. When the officers arrived to investigate, and began heading up the stairs to the unit, the strong smell of urine and feces was overpowering. After knocking on the door, the officers were invited into the unit where the smell became even more pungent. The woman living in the unit explained to the Officers that she was in over her head with approximately 70 cats. The officers observed multiple cats in different stages of life from four week old kittens to adult cats. While most of the kittens were considered to be bright, alert and responsive, some clearly were sick with upper respiratory infections and infected eyes. The overwhelmed woman explained that she didn't know what to do when the cats kept having litters, or where to take them, and she was concerned about calling CCAPS due to the living conditions. In addition to the cats living in the unit, there were also three dogs. The woman surrendered 42 cats to CCAPS, which allowed her to keep six cats. CCAPS issued

citations for nine violations for no proof of rabies, nine violations of sterilization required, sanitation and excess cats. Upon leaving, it was explained to the woman that the unit needed to be thoroughly cleaned, all animals must be sterilized and vaccinated, a permit must be obtained to keep the six cats. She was ordered to appear in court on November 10, 2022.

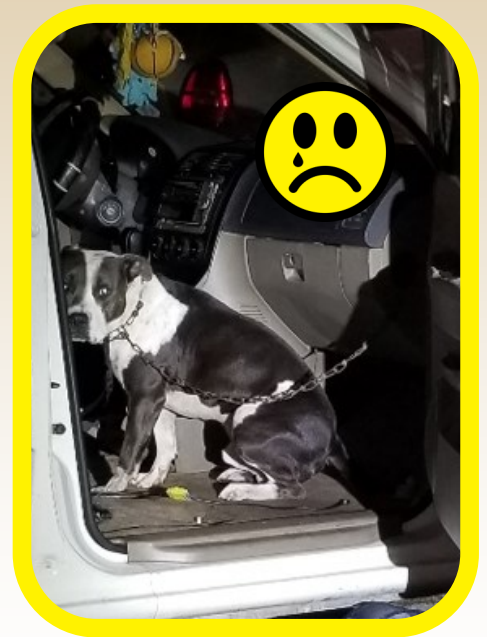


Great work
Lieutenant Clevinger & Officer Pro!!!



SUSPICIOUS VEHICLE

After Metro arrived on scene to investigate a report of a suspicious vehicle, they discovered a dog had been tethered to the seats and the van doors were left open. Calling for CCAPS assistance, together they proceeded to the property believed to be in connection with the vehicle. The woman who answered the door stated that the van belonged to her mother but was abandoned for the last year with people living in it. She did not know who the people were and did not want to pay to have the vehicle towed. The neighbors arrived and further advised that dog had been seen around the area for the last month but did not know who the owners were. Because the dog was considered to be at large, aggressive, abandoned and without water, it was decided by CCAPS to cut the chain that was used to tether the dog. The dog was brought to the Animal Foundation and citations for Deprivation of Water, Abandonment and Running at Large were left for the owner. The owner never reclaimed this poor pup!



ROOSTING PIGEONS

10.36.035 - Pigeon control.

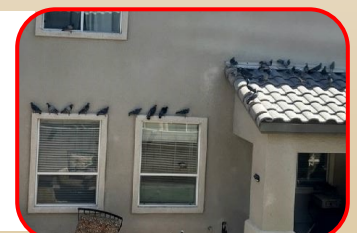
- (a) The roosting or lingering of wild pigeons poses a health and property hazard in addition to offending the aesthetic senses by pigeon contamination. Such roosting or lingering of wild pigeons is declared to be a public nuisance.
- (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to encourage the lingering, roosting and/or congregating of wild pigeons by providing food-including but not limited to, grain seeds, greens, bread crumbs and miscellaneous food scraps-intended for wild pigeon ingestion on public or residential property.

CCAPS does not take a complaint of feeding pigeons lightly. We understand that some people may not be aware of the Clark County code states it is unlawful to feed pigeons, Therefore, the first complaint results in a warning notice. In this case, when the warning notice was ignored, CCAPS had to investigate. During the initial inspection, the officer knocked on the door, but no one answered. The officer could hear pigeons nearby. A notice was left asking the residents to please contact the dispatch office. The officer then made contact with the person reporting (PR) the violations and was invited into their home to be able to gain a legal vantage point to see the bird feeders and the large amount of pigeons in the back yard. The officer observed hundreds of pigeons in the neighbors back yard. The PR showed the officer the tremendous amount of droppings that land in her backyard. The PR stated that she was told by her doctor to not sweep it up for fear of what could be inhaled and that the Veterinarian advised to not let their four month old yellow Labrador by the pigeon droppings as well. The Officer made a second attempt to speak to the neighbors and was successful. The neighbor was advised that it is against Clark County Code to feed pigeons and was issued an Administrative Citation, The PR is

delighted that CCAPS was able to get the feeding stopped and can now go back to enjoying the backyard with their puppy, without the pigeons and their droppings.



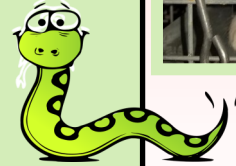
DO NOT FEED THE BIRDS



NOT JUST FOR SNAKES



The Animal Protection Services Animal Control officers are skilled in many ways. The ability to think fast, be adaptable, and work under pressure are just a few of the many important skills that are used regularly. Officer Razo did just that when she responded to a call of a cat stuck in a storm drain. Upon arrival, it was observed that a black and white domestic cat was stuck in the storm drain, meowing for help. The officer dropped a snake bag into the storm drain and luckily the cat climbed in, but just as soon as the cat was brought up, taken out and placed in an area 20 feet from the storm drain, the cat ran back into the drain and laid down on the grates. To avoid the cat falling back in, the cat was impounded and taken to the Animal Foundation. Nice Work Officer Razo!!



PET SHOP ORDINANCE

NOT FOR SALE!

Dogs, Cats, Rabbits, and Pot Bellied Pigs

On December 6, 2022, The Board of County Commissioners passed the pet shop ordinance which prohibits the retail sale of dogs, cats, rabbits, and pot bellied pigs. The new ordinance amended the definition of rescue organization and increased the fines for those in violation of 10.08.140 (b) and (c) to a minimum of \$500 or a maximum fine of the sale price or offered sale price of the animal. This amendment and increased fines will allow Animal Protection Services to fine these amounts to those in violation, including backyard breeders.

The new ordinance has a one year moratorium for pet shops to operate and sell dogs, cats, rabbits, and pot bellied pigs. The Ordinance will take effect on or about December 20, 2023. However, the increase in the fines will take effect on December 20, 2022. Any person illegally selling animals will be issued a minimum of a \$500 fine.

Revised Definition

10.04.253—Rescue Organization

“Rescue organization” means an person or group that is organized for the purposes of preventing cruelty to animals or reducing pet overpopulation, which do not breed animals or obtain animals, in exchange for payment or compensation, from a person that breeds animals or resells animals from a person that breeds animals and is exempt from income tax under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c) (3) and files any variant of Internal Revenue Service Form 990 annually.

STEPPING IN

In early October, based on advise from The Animal Foundations (TAF) veterinary team, a pause on adoptions, transfers, and fostering of animals was placed due to an abundance of animals exposed to a respiratory illness now known to be Canine Pneumovirus. Based on the advise of the TAF veterinary staff and national veterinary experts on animal shelters diseases, necessary actions were taken. These actions were to stop taking in stray or owner surrenders while the situation was being monitored and the shelter was cleaned and cleared of the disease. As of 11/3/2022, 105 dogs at TAF were cleared of the disease and only eight remained that showed any signs or exposure. Because of the strict protocols that were put in place, the coordination with outside agencies, such as Clark County Animal Protection Services, and the dedication to the care and wellbeing of the animals, the disease was managed and eliminated. As of 11/15/2022, TAF had cleared all dogs in the shelter of any Canine Pneumovirus. Thank you to the team at Clark County Animal Protection Services who were willing to step in and lend a helping hand by cleaning and sanitizing the shelter. Everyday, Clark County Animal Protections Services is making a difference in our Community! A well deserved Thank you goes out to them!



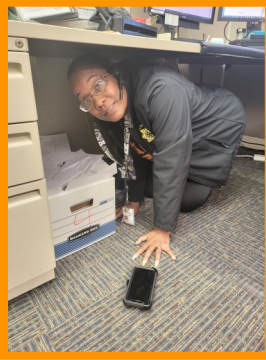
Thank You



THE GREAT SHAKE OUT



Clark County Animal Protection Services and Code Enforcement are a team that will join in, no matter what the event may be. When our division was asked to participate in this year's Great Shake Out, that we did. Thank you to Sonja, Amelia and Shea who took cover!!



SPIRIT WEEK!

Pattern Confusion Fusion!



Black Out!



Wild West Day!



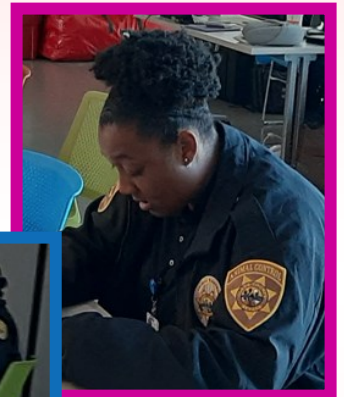
Haunted Shirts!



ESSENTIAL ANIMAL SERVICES TRAINING

Clark County Animal Protection Services believes continuing education is crucial to the division's success. Officers are invested in their professional career and understand that participating in offered training will provide new abilities and will increase the teams productivity and performance. Between December 5th and December 9th, Animal Control Officers took part in the Code 3 Associates Essential Animal Service Training (EAST) Module A. (EAST) certification program is offered by Code 3 Associates in partnership with the Colorado State University to certify Animal Control Officers in cruelty investigation. The 40 hour course covered current topics critical for Officers professional development. Training topics included investigative report writing, Fourth Amendment considerations, biosecurity, zoonotic diseases, animal bite investigations, rabies & quarantine, collaboration between officers and veterinarians, concepts of interviewing, ethics, and capture & handling of animals. Nine animal control agencies from across the country and one animal cruelty police detective attended the training. The training will help our Animal Control Officers improve interactions with members of the public who own animals. Officers also attended an eight hour training course on pet CPR, first aid and care. This training course provided lecture, demonstration, and hands-on skill

practice. Officers who attended are certified to perform rescue breathing, pet CPR, assessing pet vitals, geriatric pet care, considerations in medical pet emergencies, and scene assessment. Keep up the great work!



ANIMALS AT THE AMP

On December 10, 2022, Clark County Animal Protection Services was delighted to participate in the Animals at the Amp event hosted by Commissioner Kirkpatrick. Just like Animal Protection Services mission to promote responsible pet ownership, this event did just that. In addition to Clark County Animal Protection Services, local pet vendors and animal rescue organizations were present to provide education while the community enjoyed live entertainment, a petting zoo, free vaccines and microchipping, on-site adoptions, pet grooming, and a free cat and dog food pantry. Animal Protection Services thanks the community and all those who contribute to the welfare of our furry friends.



YEAR END STATISTICS

Calls Received by Dispatch 70,142

Calls Handled in the Field 26,128

Vehicle Confinements 525

Administrative Citations Issued 703

Misdemeanor Citations Processed 908

Requests for Prosecution 51

Health and Welfare 1,518

Cases sent to METRO for Felony Charges 38

Administrative Citations Fines Issued \$71,200.00

Stray Animals 2,641

Impounded Animals 7,160

Bite Reports 1,169

Total Sterilizations 14,434

Calls for Injured Animals 1,467



YEAR END STATISTICS

Total CCPRO Cases 18,177

Graffiti Cases 14,864

- Abandoned/Unsecured Homes 325
- Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles 958
- Weeds & Dead Vegetation 577
- Building without Permits 781
- Dangerous Structures 235
- Vagrant Camps 2,822
- Short Term Rentals 1,097
- Imminent Danger 40

- Zoning Violations 1,767
- Landscape Parking 730
- Trash & Debris 2,368
- Squatter Homes 173
- Outside Storage 130
- Auto Parts/Repair 406
- Parking Citations 794

Fines Issued

- Outside Storage \$7,100.00
- Dead Vegetation \$8,300.00
- Landscape Parking \$12,250.00
- Running a business out of a home \$16,700.00
- Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles \$19,600.00
- Dangerous/Unsafe Structures \$6,000.00
- Building without Permits \$149,500.00

- Zoning Violations \$36,450.00
- Trash & Debris \$73,950.00
- Short Term Rentals \$2,793,952.50
- Parking Citations \$111,750.00



HAPPY TO HAVE YOU!



Joining the team is Ryan Cole. Ryan comes to us with Clark County experience as a Foster Licensing and CPS Investigator. Ryan enjoys hanging out with his family, barbecuing, golfing, working out, and walking his dog. Ryan also plays flag football, does stand up comedy and likes painting. Over the next five years, Ryan plans to pursue his goals of competing for a Leadership role in Code Enforcement and becoming a Field Training Officer.

Welcome Ryan!!

With over 20 years of experience with Code Enforcement, three of those years with Clark County, a well deserved congratulations goes out to Teresa Wright. Teresa has been promoted to Code Enforcement Lieutenant and without a doubt will do amazing things! Teresa is an avid professional sports watcher and enjoys gardening, bowling, and spending time with her 16 month old granddaughter. When asked where she hopes to be in five years, Teresa stated, "right here, but with five more years under my belt!"



Congratulations Teresa!!



Code Enforcement is pleased to introduce Joshua Grant. Joshua has been a part of the Clark County team, coming to us from Public Works. Outside of work, Joshua spent eight years in the Marine Corps and currently serves in youth Ministry at his church and enjoys spending time with his family and being outdoors. In the next five years, Joshua foresees himself as a knowledgeable and experienced Code Enforcement Officer with Clark County.

Welcome to the team Joshua!!

The team at Code Enforcement is happy to welcome Jesus Ruiz. Jesus has over 10 years of experience working with the Nevada Department of Corrections and is very happy to now be part of the Clark County Organization. Enjoying his new lease on life, Jesus enjoys smoking meats, going to the gym, and spending time with his family and French Bulldog. Jesus is looking forward to taking all opportunities to grow within the Code Enforcement Division.



Glad to have you Jesus!!



Code Enforcement has gained themselves a good one! Welcome to the team Amelia Smith. After six years working with the Clark County Commission Office, Amelia has joined Code Enforcement and has brought with her a wealth of Clark County knowledge! To Amelia, Clark County is like home and she looks forward to the opportunity to continue to learn and grow. During her off time, She loves to spend time with her family, hiking, and cozying up with a blanket and a good movie. Amelia's five year goal is to spend time traveling as her youngest child will be graduated by then.

Welcome Amelia!!

She is back! After a short time away working as an intake/Marketing Manager with a reputable law firm, Susy Melgarejo has made her way back to the Code Enforcement division. We are delighted to have her back! Outside of work, she enjoys baking, decorating, and vintage shopping. Susy has expressed that her five year professional career goal is to establish her roots, expand her horizons, and learn as much as she can, as quickly as she can, with Clark County.



Welcome back Susy!!



DEMOLITION NEEDED!!



Oh No!!

Upon initial inspection, it was observed that a manufactured/mobile home was severely fire damaged and littered with miscellaneous junk and trash. The property was immediately Red Tagged, deeming the structure unsafe. A Notice of Violation was sent to the property owner. Multiple attempts were made to contact the owner but to no avail. The property, in that condition, could not be ignored. Abatement bids were sought and a Notice of Estimated Costs was posted on the property. After confirming that the Notice of Estimated Costs was received by the property owner and no effort was made to demolish the structure, a Search warrant for asbestos was prepared. The search warrant was served with Metro and the contractor obtained the asbestos samples. Pending the asbestos testing results, the structure was scheduled for demolition. After five months of attempting to contact the owner and multiple notices sent, the owner sent a letter to CCPRO stating it was his intent to rebuild the manufactured/mobile home. The officer again made several attempts to speak with the property owner, but all calls and messages were left unanswered. The structure was demolished, and the property was posted with No Trespassing signs and secured. A lien was placed on the property in the amount of \$8,125.

Bad News!



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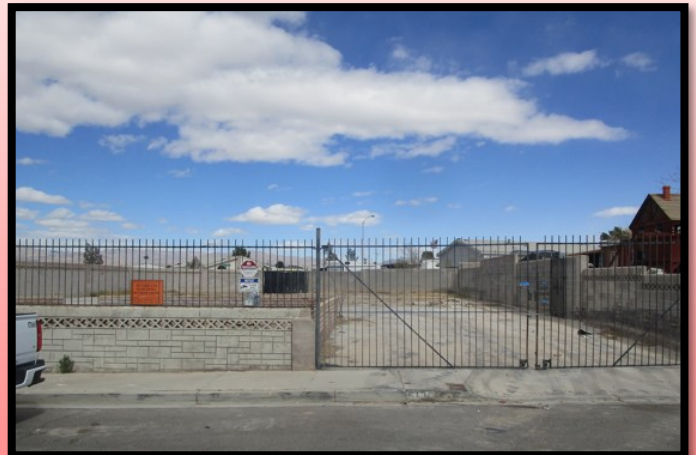
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GONE!!!



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Almost there..



RIVAL GANG TAGS

The potential danger of gang graffiti should never be underestimated. Rival gangs often use graffiti tags to mark their turf or convey threats of violence. Clark County Graffiti Abatement is diligent about removing graffiti as quickly as possible. Prompt removal of graffiti is important, as it discourages gangs from writing in that location again and hopefully prevents the intended message from being seen by others.

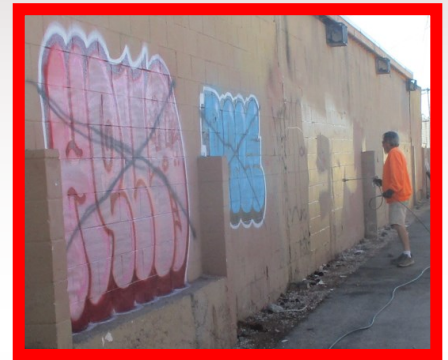


On November 10, 2022, South Central Area Command Community Orientated Police contacted Clark County Graffiti Abatement to cover a recognized threat from a local gang. Knowing that removing the graffiti could be dangerous, Community Orientated Police escorted the painter during the two hour clean-up. Great work Matt!

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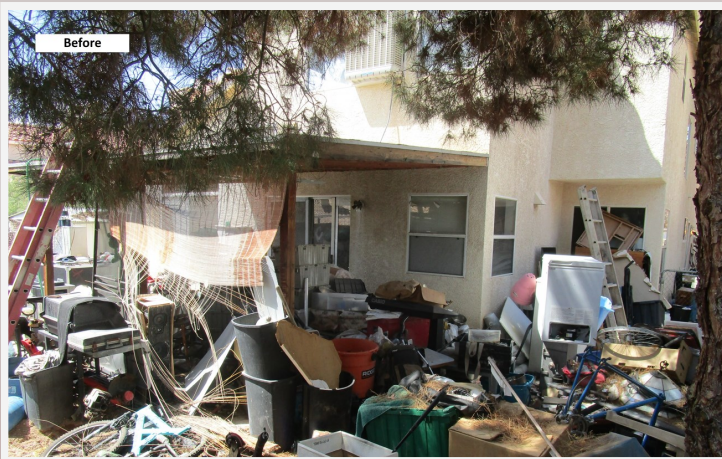
Gallons of Paint used in

2022

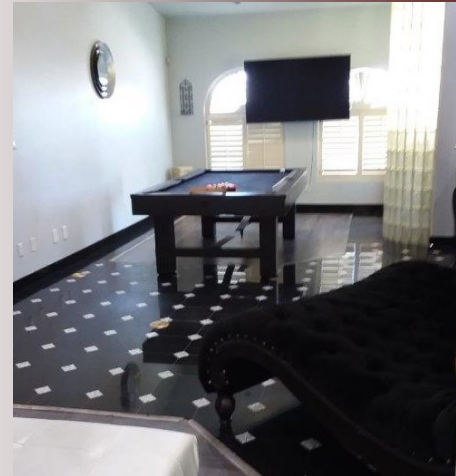


STRAIGHT TO ABATE

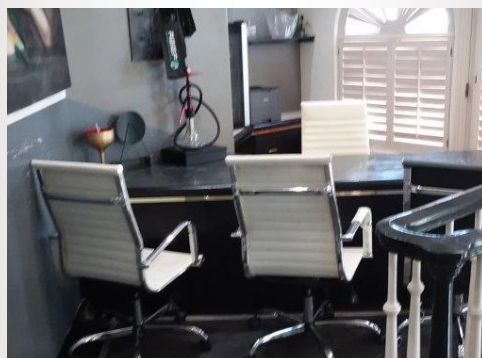
With two years of complaints and citations issued, Code Enforcement never had to actually abate the property. In the last hours of the previous cases, the property owner cleaned the yards and the case's were closed. When a third complaint came in just eight months later, Code Enforcement went straight to Abatement. The property owners' adult son, liked to rummage through dumpsters at night and bring home anything he thought he could repair and re-sell. Year after year, the front and backyard of the home was filled with junk, trash, and debris. During this abatement, two 40 yard roll-off dumpsters were filled. The property had quite a transformation and the neighbors were overjoyed!



A QUICK RESOLUTION



Compliance is the key, which is why a quick resolution is what we seek! On August 4, 2022, A multi-agency inspection was conducted for a home suspected of many violations. Participating agencies were Las Vegas Metropolitan Police, Southern Nevada Health District, Clark County Building Department and Clark County Code Enforcement. The interior of the home revealed multiple, unpermitted modifications had been made to multiple bathrooms, the kitchen, a bar area, and new construction of ten bedrooms and several game rooms. It was not hard to deduct the property was being used as a Short Term Rental. When questioned, the tenant stated that he lived there and was running an art studio from the location. The property did not have a business license to allow for such a business. In addition, the property was littered with trash and solid waste. Clark County Code Enforcement issued a Notice of Violation for Unpermitted Use and Solid Waste. Upon the follow up inspection, the property was in compliance, with all tenants, furniture, equipment and solid waste removed.



PLACE NETWORK INVESTIGATIONS

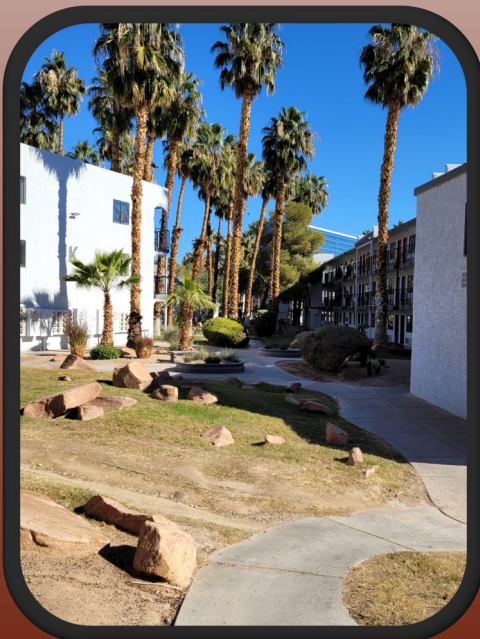


Place Network Investigations (PNI), is a multi-jurisdictional community partnership hosted by METRO and who's strategy is to substantially reduce violence. The strategy is grounded in evidence that persistent crime patterns and violent hot spots are visible indicators of underlying crime-place networks. The community partnerships consist of many Clark County divisions, such as County Commissioners, Business License, Code Enforcement, and Town and Liaison Services. PNI and local METRO area commands meet with the Clark County divisions, and other outside agencies monthly to discuss and identify trouble areas and work together to develop a plan to address these areas of concern.

Clark County Code Enforcement has had multiple active cases from PNI. Working with Spring Valley Area Command, they investigated complaint of drugs, prostitution, and commercial parking. Code Enforcement took the lead and addressed the illegal semi trucks parked along Tropicana and Procyon. Citations were issued by Code Enforcement and Public Works installed no parking signs along the entire block. These efforts will positively reduce the illegal prostitution.



PNI worked together with Convention Center Area Command on two properties of concern along Harmon and Paradise. Illegal action such as squatters and drug activity are the main focus. Clark County Code Enforcement continues to monitor a vacant complex while the new property owner completes the rehabilitation.

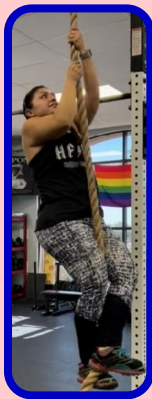


EMPLOYEE OF THE 3rd QUARTER



Congratulations to Jackie Razo for being named Employee of the 3rd quarter for Animal Protection Services. When questioned about what is the best part of working for Clark County, Jackie stated it is the stability and benefits that come along with being a part of the Clark County team. Jackie went on to say the best thing she has

learned as an Officer is that while her days can be exhausting and challenging, she has learned to look on the bright side of things. Remaining positive and looking at things with optimism is an invaluable life lesson. Jackie loves spending time with her family and friends and is known to host a pretty nice shindig. One of her most memorable experiences of her life was when she was in Thailand and was able to swim with her favorite animal, Elephants! If Jackie could trade lives with any one person for two weeks, she would trade lives with Stevie Nicks, because "she's Stevie Nicks".. Thank you Jackie for all of your hard work and dedication!



The Code Enforcement Employee of the 4th Quarter is.....Mike Mayorga!! As one of Clark County's Graffiti painters Mike has expressed that the best part of working with Clark County is the great working environment, the comradery with coworkers and the great management that he works with. Mike believes that by removing the graffiti, he is helping to make the community a nicer place for the children, and he gets paid to do this, "Win Win". One of Mike's hobbies is collecting vintage items such as old cast iron skillets, however he wanted us to know that he rarely cooks, but that is ok. He loves to watch the discovery channel and since a child has been fascinated by lions. If Mike could go anywhere in the world, Mike gave a simple answer,



"Anywhere there is a beach, with a drink in my hand, watching the waves of the ocean with a sunset on the horizon with his wife by his side" When asked if he could trade lives with any one person for two weeks, he said that it would have to be his 8 year old daughter, just before semester grades come out, to try and bump up her grades.



Mike is a great guy to work with and as you can probably understand, Mike has a way of bringing smiles to those around him. Great work Mike, we appreciate all that you do!

EMPLOYEE OF THE 4th QUARTER



Let's hear it for Shanna Cruz, Animal Protection Services Employee of the 4th quarter. When we asked Shanna what she thought was the best part of working for Clark County, she stated that besides meeting some amazing people, and working with an awesome team, the County has helped to open

doors for her in her pursuit of achieving her goals in life. Working as an Animal Protection Services Dispatcher, Shanna has learned to listen to understand, not everyone is looking for a solution, rather they just want to be heard. This is a valued lesson when working with our community members. While not serving the community, Shanna enjoys spending quality time "vegging out" with her family, going to the movies, and spoiling her dogs. Her favorite pastimes are reading, quilting and crocheting. Other than her dogs, her favorite animal is the Sea Turtle, she thinks they are super cool and have the cutest little faces. When asked if she could go any place in the world, where would it be? She was very expressive when she replied EVERYWHERE! Shanna wants to experience all the cultures that the world has to offer and of course enjoy all of the different foods! Congratulations Shanna, keep up the great work!



Cheers to Luis Dominguez for being named the Code Enforcement Employee of the 4th quarter. Luis has been part of the Code Enforcement division since 2016 and is a great asset to the team. Luis believes that the best part of his career is the ability to build great relationships with all of the divisions of Clark County. When asked what the best thing that he has learned while doing his job was that he did not expect, as a Code Enforcement Specialist, to have to indemnify, count and catch roosters...of course with the help of Animal Protection Services. Outside of work, Luis enjoys golfing, bowling, off-roading, supporting local sports teams, including his son's, and enjoying a beverage from Dutch Bros. Luis's favorite animal is his Husky, Labrador mix puppy, Nala. If Luis could travel any place in the world, it would be Japan, as it is one of the oldest civilizations within a very eclectic culture. The incredible natural landscapes and scenic mountain vistas is where he would start. If given the chance to trade lives with one person for two weeks, Luis stated it would be Neil Armstrong starting on July 20, 1969. He would love to



experience the feeling of landing a space capsule on the moon with less computing power then he can now fit in his pocket...and to also confirm that it really happened. Always keeping a smile of the faces of his coworkers, that is Luis Dominguez.

NAME THAT VIOLATION



1) Outside Storage 2) Solid Waste 3) Inoperable Vehicle 4) Accessory structure as dwelling 5) Set Back violation 6) Non permitted raising of the wall. 7) restricted ingress/egress.

ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES

By Phone: 702-455-7710

By Email:
Animalprotectionservicesinfo@clarkcountynv.gov.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

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