Reno Police Department
Successes and Challenges for a Growing Community

Chief of Police – Jason Soto
City of Reno - Geography
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• Located on the Interstate 80 Corridor
  218 Miles East of San Francisco
  439 Miles North of Las Vegas

• Size: 110 Square Miles
  24 Miles from North to South
  13 Miles from East to West

• Population: 242,158 Residents
  4.7 Million Visitors each year
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• Sworn Staffing: 329 Officers
• Civilian Staffing: 58 Civilians
• Police on Scene at 141,000 incidents 2017
  – 386 Incidents per day
  – Up 17.4% from 2016
• 11,337 arrests in 2017
  – 31 arrests per day
  – Up 12.2% from 2016
• 51,140 Reports taken in 2017
  – 140 Reports per day
  – Up 8.1% from 2016
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Successes

- Police Services Specialist (PSS) & Community Services Officer (CSO) Programs
- Maintaining service levels
- Community engagement and increased social media presence
- Regionalized Intelligence Led Policing (ILP) philosophy
- Recent launch of a regional firearms initiative

- Leveraging Regional Partnerships:
  - Narcotics Enforcement
  - Gang Unit
  - Crime Suppression
  - Safe Streets Task Force
  - Project Innocence Lost
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Successes

• Leveraging regional partnerships –
  Crime Suppression Unit - became more effective than the sum of the two parts
  First Year: 400% increase in Felony arrests
  500% increase in gun recoveries

  Innocence lost initiative – Focused on human/sex trafficking on an individual, victim based approach.

  Safe Streets Task Force – Focused on the organized criminal aspect of human/sex trafficking.
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Challenges

• Population Growth – The City of Reno is expected to grow at an average rate of 7% per year. Projected to add nearly 100,000 additional residents by 2023.

• Centralized Deployment – RPD Officers deploy out of a centrally located facility that is over 60 years old.

• Dedicated Revenue – Nevada’s tax structure makes it difficult for local government to dedicate a revenue source for public safety.
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Challenges

• Rising cost of a police officer – Collective Bargaining Agreements and the need to maintain our position as the agency of choice

• Downtown revitalization – Post-recession recovery of our downtown entertainment district is a priority.

• 24/7 lifestyle – Presents unique challenges for public safety as the City of Reno never closes.
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Challenges

• Lack of Mental Health Resources and additional training required for such challenges (C.I.T. training)
• Collaboration with non profits and faith based community to provide services etc.
Questions?

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