



'CHANGE OF MINDSET' SOUGHT IN NEW STRATEGY TO REDUCE TRAFFIC DEATHS

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People are dying in Nevada from traffic fatalities at a record rate, and it needs to stop. That was the sentiment at the June 20 traffic safety forum hosted by Clark County Commissioner Michael Naft at the UNLV Richard Tam Alumni Center. "There were a record 331 traffic fatalities in Nevada in 2018 — the highest total in a decade," said Metro Traffic Capt. Jason Letkiewicz. There have already been 108 fatalities in Nevada this year, according to the Nevada Department of Public Safety. "This is a big problem," Letkiewicz said. "We have to understand the depth of it."

Most of those collisions came from Clark County with 226 recorded fatalities in 2018. Pedestrian deaths have also been up, peaking at 76 in 2017. Naft organized the forum with local law enforcement, government leaders and community stakeholders to not only address the problem, but solve it.

Naft, who grew up traveling on Las Vegas roads, said he is "keenly aware" of the problem. "As a western state, we have wide roads, long roads and fast roads," he said. "So as Nevada sees growth, it's incumbent on us to combat both vehicular and pedestrian fatalities." In Clark County, the most dangerous intersection is Sahara Avenue and Decatur Boulevard, according to a UNLV Center for Crime and Justice Policy study. In 2018, 54 injury crashes were recorded there.

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ALL AROUND A

Summer days in District A

June was another busy month "All Around A." It began with a Movie in the Park, co-hosted by Commissioners Naft and Jones at James Regional Park and ended with the groundbreaking of the latest expansion of the Switch Communications data center.

Commissioner Naft held four Coffee and Conversation events. The meetings were held at Jolly Beans Cafe in Inspirada, the Searchlight Community Center, the American Legion in Laughlin, and the Clark County Fire Training Center near Tropicana and Arville.

The Board of County Commissioners also looked at solving serious problems in Clark County this month. The parks and recreation code (Title 19) and development code (Title 30) were discussed for updates and the board worked on addressing gaps in the system once homeless families or individuals are placed in housing.



Movie In the Park



Traffic Safety Forum



Switch Expansion Groundbreaking



Coffee and Conversation

ON THE ROAD TO SEARCHLIGHT AND LAUGHLIN

Coffee and Conversations held in Searchlight and Laughlin



"It was great to be back in the southern portion of District A, I look forward to returning for a Health Fair and continued conversations with constituents," said Commissioner Naft.

Commissioner Naft's most recent series of Coffee and Conversation included stops in Searchlight and Laughlin to meet with constituents and hear directly from them about any concerns they may be having with Clark County, its agencies or departments.

In Searchlight, Naft sponsored a luncheon at the community center. It was attended by residents from the immediate area as well as Cal-Nev-Ari. Items of discussion included crime and law enforcement, healthcare, and the need to create new jobs for the future workforce. "I'm looking forward to returning to Searchlight to host a Health Fair, where we bring together much needed resources including medical and dental screenings, flu shots, and more," said Naft.

In Laughlin, Commissioner Naft hosted an event at the American Legion that was attended by longtime residents and newcomers to the area. Issues discussed included the Clark County Building Department, the Laughlin Bridge, and other important infrastructure projects. While in Laughlin, Naft also spoke with KLBC TV2 Anchor Tara Haywood.



ADAMSHEART

Traffic Safety Event to Discuss Solutions

On June 18, Commissioners accepted the donation of four Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) for James Regional Park in District A. Commissioner Naft worked with the Adamsheart Foundation to secure the partnership between Clark County and the organization. An AED helped save the life of Adam Afromsky after he went into cardiac arrest. Fortunately, medical personnel were nearby with the device and were able to help save his life. If given CPR and AED treatment before professional help arrives, the chances of survival rise to 40 percent. If successful, this pilot program can be expanded to parks throughout the region.

STADIUM DISTRICT PLAN INVOLVEMENT

Community-driven Land Use and Transportation Plan Around the Stadium

Clark County is in the process of developing the Stadium District Plan, which will incorporate land use and transportation alternatives for a community-driven employment and entertainment district around the new Raiders NFL stadium. We need your help in guiding the success of the plan.

To participate in the survey, follow this link: <http://tinyurl.com/stadiumdistrictstudy>.



Clark County Transportation Safety Forum



USO Lounge at McCarran Airport



American Red Cross