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Public Response Animal Protection Services Graffiti Enforcement

2024 1st QUARTER NEWSLETTER

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

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The parking of commercial vehicles in a residential district is prohibited within unincorporated Clark County pursuant to Title 30.03.03 (A)(3)(ii). The parking of a commercial vehicle in an industrial district is also prohibited if there are "No Parking" signs restricting street parking.

Our Code Enforcement office received a complaint of multiple commercial vehicles overtaking an industrial area near Cheyenne and Lamb. Officer Murrell was assigned to a handful of cases and, upon arrival, quickly learned that there were well over 20 commercial trucks and trailers parked in the general location. All of the vehicles were tagged with a warning on the first day due to the volume of vehicles involved. The following day, Lieutenant Gold, Officer Murrell, and Officer Feather reinspected and cited over 20 trucks and trailers with parking citations.

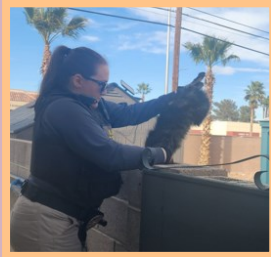
Additionally, Officer Ruiz and Officer Morales returned a couple of days later to assist and cited an additional 16 trucks. Our officers have worked effectively to alleviate the parking infractions in the area and our office is happy to report that we have not witnessed the return of any trucks.



**337
Parking Citations
Issued**

TO THE RESCUE

On March 26, 2024, Officer Wythe and Lieutenant Acevedo responded to a call for a cat that was stuck in a cinderblock wall. Upon arrival, the homeowner advised that their pool guy had noticed a cat tail sticking out of the top of the wall but was unsure if the cat was still alive. They made their way to the backyard where they saw what looked like a black cat tail sticking out of the cinderblock wall. The first attempt to reach in the wall, was unsuccessful, as there was no response from the cat. Thinking quickly, Lieutenant Acevedo grabbed a bucket for Officer Wythe to step up on and she was able to get a visual on the cat. Officer Wythe, using her knowledge and skill



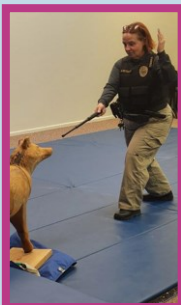
reached into the wall and was able to grab a hind leg and pull the cat up. Scared and disoriented, the cat scurried and retracted back down. Upon the second attempt, Officer Wythe was able to grab both of its legs and pull it from the wall, gently moving it back and forth until it was completely out. The cat appeared exhausted

but alert. The cat was secured in a carrier and brought to the Animal Foundation, where it was later reclaimed by its owner.



BITE STICK TRAINING

Animal Control Officers are no stranger to aggressive animals. It could be a call for service for a stray dog, an animal left behind after an eviction, or an aggressive dog preventing law enforcement from completing their investigation. Animal Control officers are often charged with securing the scene. In addition to their extensive animal behavior training, officers are also equipped with a variety of capture tools. These tools are utilized only when an extremely aggressive animal is actively posing a threat to the public or the officer's safety. In February, Animal Control officers completed their yearly certification training to carry a bite stick. A bite stick is a collapsible baton utilized to create a barrier, deter, and stop attacks. The certification course consists of classroom and practical training. Officers run drills through different scenarios that may challenge them to make quick decisions based on their experience and departmental policies. Although deployment of the bite stick is not common, regular training is essential for officers to be prepared to ensure safety of themselves and the community.



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



Welcome Nicole Cox, Clark County Animal Protections Services new Animal Control Officer. Prior to joining the team, Nicole worked as a Aquarist/Marine Biologist for ten years, taking care of all matter of marine and fresh water life. In the start of her career she also worked in animal hospitals and animal specialty centers working mostly with dogs and cats. Wanting job stability and to make her son proud are her main reasons for wanting to be part of Clark County Animal Protection Services. During her time away from work, Nicole enjoys going to the Springs Preserve, trying new cafes and spending time with her friends, family, husband and son. Nicole's hobbies include going to Disneyland, drawing chalk portraits of Disney characters and reading.



Welcome to the team Nicole!



Clark County Animal Protection Services is overjoyed to have Mallory Wythe join the team. Mallory brings with her a wealth of animal care knowledge. She studied and worked in Veterinary Medicine since 2014 and has worked as a Veterinary Technician in general practice for the past nine years. Mallory says her reasons for wanting to come to Clark County is because she wanted to take her skills in a different direction and help animals and the public in a new way. In five years, Mallory hopes to advance in her career with Clark County and looks forward to being a Field Training Officer. During her time off, she spends her time doing fun activities with her daughter and hanging out with her husband bingeing TV shows. A special hobby that Mallory has is cataloging old photos that she has taken over the years.



Welcome Mallory!!!

THANK YOU NEIGHBORS

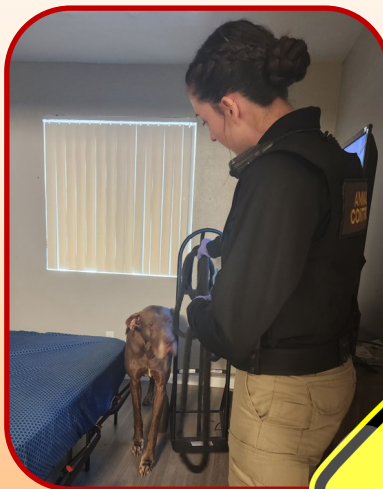
On January 11, 2024, Animal Protection Services responded to a call for a dog that had his body stuck on a wrought iron gate. The caller stated that the dog had possibly impaled herself and there was blood on its mouth. Due to what the caller had stated this call was considered a high priority. Upon arrival, the Animal Control Officers saw five neighbors surrounding a female husky that was immobile. There was blood on the fence and dripping from the dogs mouth, which was from the dog trying to bite free of the gate. The neighbors stated that they had knocked on the door of the home several times, but no one had answered. The husky had slightly impaled itself and time was of the essence. The officers knew that they had to move quickly. Using bolt cutters, the officers cut off the fencing spear, which helped to release the pressure from the dog. Working together, the officers were then able to lift and free

the dog off of the spear. While one officer was carefully loading the dog onto the truck, the other knocked again and ultimately left a notice of where the dog was and the reason for Animal Protection Services visit. The dog remained in stable condition on the trip to see a licensed veterinarian. It was with the quick action of the neighbors and animal control officers that with great joy we can say that the dog survived her injuries and has since been adopted by a very lucky family.



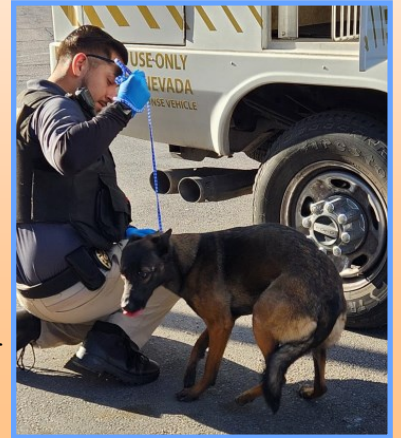
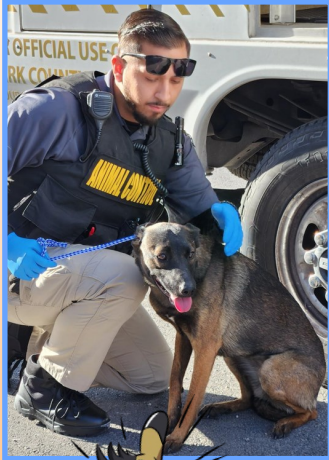
ABANDONED

Officer Young put her skills to the test when she was tasked with impounding an extra large Great Dane that had been abandoned by its owners. Clark County Animal Protection Services was advised that the owners of the dog had been evicted and that the dog was left behind. Upon arrival, the Great Dane was barking, lunging and growling at Officer Young. Taking her time approaching the dog, she was able to use her catch pole to avoid contact with the dog, while she roped him. Great work Officer Young!



COLD AND NERVOUS

Very late in the evening of January 27, 2024, a scared, injured, Belgian Malinois mix arrived at the house of the person reporting. The property owner was able to draw the dog near and carefully secure him into a crate. When Clark County Animal Protection Services arrived the dog was cold, cowering, shaking, nervous, and was barely able to put weight on her front leg. Officer Caldera was able to gently coax her into the leash, out of the crate, and walk her to the truck. Shivering and unsure, the dog was hesitant to move, but with kind persuasion the officer was able to load her safely on to the truck and transported to the Animal Foundation for a veterinarian exam. The dog was treated for an avulsion fracture to her right elbow and was moved to a local foster for recovery and adoption.



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Shout out to Gavriela Hernandez Simon for being named the Employee of the Quarter for Animal Protection Services. Gavi is always smiling and bringing good vibes to the team and says that it is due to the support from her Supervisors and the camaraderie amongst her peers. The best thing that Gavi has learned during her time as an Animal Control Officer is the power of information, being able to help educate the community on the laws concerning animals is an important part of the job. Outside of work she enjoys spending time with her family, while cooking, watching movies or hiking new hidden areas of the valley. Her favorite animals are big cats like lions, panthers, and tigers and her favorite movie is Gone

With The Wind. Gavi is looking forward to making her dream vacation to Cairo, Egypt come true this summer, as she believes it is a beautiful and mysterious part of history. When asked who she would want to trade places with for two weeks, she expressed it would have to be Cleopatra, the Pharaoh Queen because she loves that part of history and she was a powerful influence during a time when it was unorthodox for a woman to rule. Great work Gavi!!!



1ST QUARTER STATISTICS

**Administrative
Citations
Fines Issued
\$19,550**



**Calls Handled
In the Field
5,551**



**Calls Received
By Dispatch
22,141**



Vehicle Confinements 92

Stray Animals 605

Administrative Citations 127

Impounded Animals 1,637

Misdemeanor Citations Issued 186

Bite Reports 377

Request for Prosecution 5

Total Sterilizations 3,753

Health & Welfare 347

Calls for Injured Animals 439

Felony Cases Sent to Metro 5

1ST QUARTER STATISTICS

**Total CCPRO
Cases
5,717**



**Total Graffiti
Cases
2,929**



<i>Landscape Parking</i> 134	<i>Weeds & Dead Vegetation</i> 264
<i>Building without Permits</i> 195	<i>Dangerous Structures</i> 26
<i>Vagrant Camps</i> 1,061	<i>Short Term Rentals</i> 293
<i>Outside Storage</i> 29	<i>Commercial Vehicles in ROW</i> 669
<i>Squatter Homes</i> 57	<i>Trash & Debris</i> 618
<i>Imminent Danger</i> 14	<i>Auto Parts & Repair</i> 103
<i>Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles</i> 79	<i>Zoning Violations</i> 689
<i>Abandoned/Unsecured Homes</i> 54	<i>Parking Citations</i> 337



Fines Issued



<i>Dead Vegetation</i> \$2,050.00	<i>Trash & Debris</i> \$6,300.00
<i>Building without Permits</i> \$28,900.00	<i>Zoning Violations</i> \$6,650.00
<i>Dangerous/Unsafe Structures</i> \$1,300.00	<i>Landscape Parking</i> \$2,650.00
<i>Unlicensed/Inoperable Vehicles</i> \$1,700.00	<i>Parking Citations</i> \$33,900.00
<i>Outside Storage</i> \$2,900.00	<i>Short Term Rentals</i> \$533,150.00

ASBESTOS DEMOLITION

Clark County Code Enforcement often works closely with Metro when dealing with problematic properties. In this case, upon inspection, trash, debris, dangerous and dilapidated structures, two RVs and an accumulation of solid waste was observed. Due to the condition of the property and the risk of squatters, a Notice of Abatement was issued along with an inspection fee. After multiple, unsuccessful attempts to make contact with the property owner, Code Enforcement moved forward with the demolition process. After obtaining a search warrant for asbestos testing, it was discovered that the structure had asbestos and an additional cost was added to the demolition. The property was successfully abated, leaving a clean lot and reducing the chance of squatters returning.

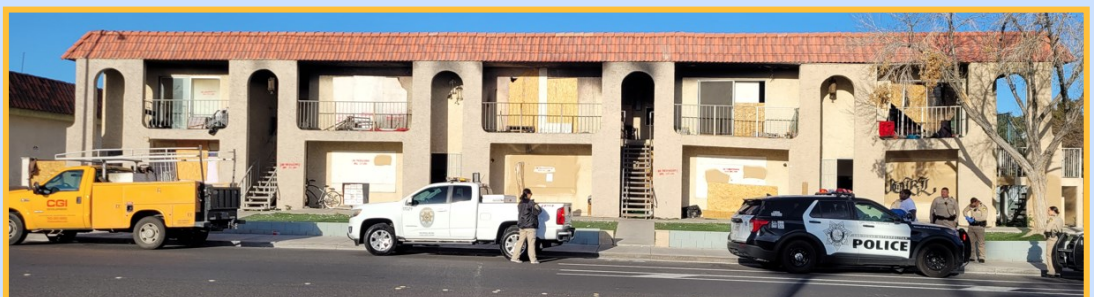


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CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

In March 1999, with the support of the County Commissioners, numerous county enforcement agencies and LVMPD joined forces to form CMART (County Multi-Agency Response Team). CMART's goal is to improve the safety and quality of life in neighborhoods within unincorporated areas of Clark County. CMART provides a coordinated effort to bring substandard and dangerous properties into compliance with state law and county codes. Since its inception, CMART has completed 224 enforcement projects involving numerous multi-family housing properties, single family homes, and commercial businesses. This team consists of 24 county, city, state and local law enforcement agencies as well as over 175 individual members. During monthly meetings, this group discusses potential projects, exchanges information, and provides training and education to its members. CMART and its members have been recognized by the Board of County Commissioners for the service it has provided to the community. Code Enforcement has been a consistent and

strong agency in this group and looks forward to another 25 years of great services. Happy 25th Anniversary to CMART!



INCREASED THEFT

Neighbors of this nuisance property were growing frustrated with the condition of this vacant lot, as it was reported that the homeless encampment was expanding and that there was an increase in theft throughout the neighborhood. Our officers wasted no time when they arrived at the vacant lot and observed a large vagrant camp, overgrown vegetation, junk, trash, debris and a damaged fence. Having knowledge of the history of this lot a Notice of Abatement was sent to the owners. Not receiving a response from the property owners, Clark County Code Enforcement moved forward with the abatement. Metro removed the occupants, and a contractor for the county cleared the lot. This property was liened in the amount of \$3,193.00.



Before



After



EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations to Jesus Ruiz, Code Enforcement Specialist since 2022 for being selected as Employee of the Quarter. Jesus has expressed that the best part of working for Clark County is the level of professionalism, understanding, and respect all Clark County Employees demonstrate. Over the past two years, he has learned how he can operate with little to no stress. During his time away from work, Jesus enjoys spending time with his family, traveling and anything self improvement. His hobbies are lifting weights, reading, grilling, and smoking meats. We asked Jesus what some of his favorite things are and he stated his favorite animal is an elephant and his favorite movie is Man on Fire. If Jesus could go any place in the world, he did not hesitate when he answered, Santorini, Greece, that it is high on his bucket list. When asked if he could trade lives with any one person for two weeks, who would it be and why, he expressed that he would want to trade his life with his teenage self so he could spend the two weeks with his mom. Keep up the great work Jesus!!



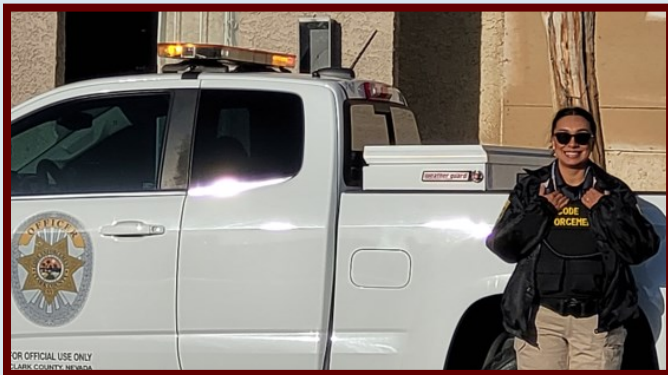
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WELCOME TO THE TEAM



Clark County Code Enforcement is happy to welcome Sara Perez. Sara joins the team from the State of Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles, where she worked as an investigator. Hearing great things about working for Clark County, Sara wanted to

join the team to continue to enjoy working with and helping the public. During her time off, she enjoys watching her daughter play soccer and being a gymnast, reading and trying new restaurants. If traveling were a hobby, that is what she would always want to be doing. Sara and her husband have spent time in Mexico, France, Argentina, UK and Italy. The next trip they are planning is to Spain. Welcome to the team, Sara!!



Welcome to the team, Anthony Palella!! Anthony brings with him years of experience working as a Community Service Officer with the City of Commerce, CA. Working closely with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's office responding to emergent and non-emergent calls, taking various reports and proactively patrolling the city. Having the desire to leave California and to seek better career

opportunities is what made him want to join Clark County. Anthony refers to himself as a "Foodie", so during his time off, he enjoys trying new restaurants and cooking different cuisines. Some of Anthony's favorite hobbies are exploring the wilderness and being outdoors, whether it is car camping or backpacking, saltwater or freshwater fishing, he is in! His personal best catch is a 112 pound Bluefin Tuna!!



STANDING STRONG

Clark County Code Enforcement has such an amazing team. The division now stands strong with thirty Code Enforcement Specialists, two Senior Code Specialists, five Graffiti Painters, nine office support staff, five Supervisors and a Manager!!

5,717
Complaints
Received

IMMINENT DANGER

In just over two weeks, Clark County Code Enforcement was able to abate a vacant lot and joyfully satisfy the neighbors in the community. On February 5, 2024, Code Enforcement received a complaint for a homeless encampment that was growing. Upon inspection, the property was checked and found vagrants had returned and there were numerous campsites, trash, debris, human waste, and drug paraphernalia. An imminent danger committee was formed and immediately obtained abatement bids for a complete cleanup. By February 22, 2024, the neighbors were ecstatic over the quick response to the complaint and were grateful for the job that was done. This property was lined in the amount of \$1,060.00



BEFORE



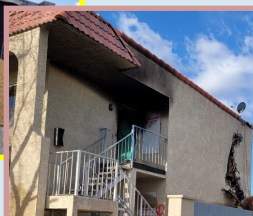
AFTER



UNSAFE BUILDING

Although this apartment complex had been boarded and posted with "No Trespassing" signs multiple times, squatters kept breaking in and created a continual nuisance.

Due to the history and condition of the fire damaged property, a Notice of Abatement was issued. With no response from the owner, a search warrant for asbestos was obtained. On February 29, 2024, Code Enforcement received notice of minor levels of asbestos and demolition permits were acquired. Assisted by SCAC COP and the abatement contractor, the warrant was posted, the squatters were removed, and the dilapidated structure was demolished.



\$20,400 PROPERTY LIEN

FIND THE VIOLATIONS



After!!



1) Trash & Debris, 2) Commercial Vehicle on private property, 3) Weeds, 4) Landscape parking, 5) Outside Storage

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