

## Public Response Animal Protection Services Graffiti Enforcement

### 2025 FIRST QUARTER NEWSLETTER

#### COMMUNITY AWARENESS

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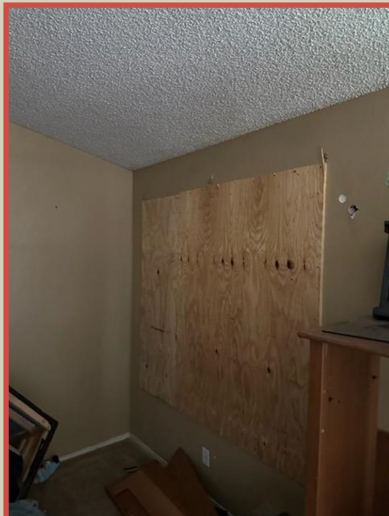
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A recent case filed with Clark County Public Response Office involved a residential property that, while appearing relatively well-maintained from the exterior, raised growing concerns among the community due to unusual activity.

The property looked secure from the outside, but nearby residents noticed individuals consistently coming and going from the home at all hours – even though the property was supposed to be unoccupied. The officer assigned to the case, Officer Reynolds, had recognized this house from prior code violation cases but unfortunately during those, there was never any contact made with the owner of the property. Upon further investigation and clarification from NV Energy, Officer Reynolds, confirmed that the house was indeed inhabited without authorization and was operating without power or proper utilities, creating unsafe living conditions.

The situation was deemed an imminent danger due to the lack of electricity, compromised entry, living conditions inside and other health and safety risks associated with a squatter house. In response, a coordinated effort to abate the property was launched late-January by Code Enforcement involving LVMPD and contracted companies to secure the property and address the unauthorized occupancy. On the day of abatement, Officer Reynolds and Supervisor Williams met with LVMPD for a briefing before the process proceeded. With commands given through the bullhorn, Metro announced for any and all individuals inside the residence to come out. Five individuals came out of the house without incident and LVMPD's officers cleared the entirety of the house to ensure it was safe to proceed with the rest of the abatement. Entry was secured, the property was thoroughly assessed, and the necessary steps were taken to prevent further access. Following the abatement, a lien was recorded in the amount of \$4,000. Thanks to the coordinated work of LVMPD and Clark County Public Response Office, safety for the community was restored.

This case serves as a reminder that appearances can be deceiving, and that community awareness plays a crucial role in maintaining neighborhood safety. Proactive reporting by the community allowed this concern to be addressed before more serious consequences occurred and unsafe living conditions worsened. Residents are encouraged to report suspicious activity and to stay engaged with their surroundings, as early intervention can help protect both properties and people living nearby.



**\$4,000**  
**recorded lien**



## SCHOOLHOUSE TALK

*"I want to be a \_\_\_\_ when I grow up!"*

One of the joys of childhood is pondering the endless possibilities about the future. What kind of job will you have? Will you get married? Where will you live? Will you get to finally buy that pony that your parents said you couldn't have?

One way to imagine all the possibilities is by playing a good old-fashioned game of MASH, or carefully constructing a paper fortune teller. Another way is Career Day at school.

Recently, Officer Cox got to be a guest speaker at Ferron Elementary School's Career Day. While visiting with the students there, Officer Cox shared how she became an Animal Control Officer. She also stressed the importance of math, reading, writing, and science, and explained how each subject has practical applications in her line of work.

The students were treated to demonstrations of the ketch pole, the snake tongs, and the net. They even got to look inside the Animal Control truck to see where animals are transported!



Officer Cox may have had even more fun than the kids did that day. Maybe we'll be introducing some of those students to you as our new employees in a few years, if they went home saying, "I want to be an Animal Control Officer when I grow up!"



## WHO WANTS TO GO FOR A RIDE?

Kids aren't the only ones that get excited about the APS truck! Officer Esquivel knew this when attempting to catch a dog that was running in and out of traffic, causing safety concerns for himself and others. Even though he would run away when she tried to approach him, he kept following her back toward the truck when she would turn away.

She opened the truck door and the excited dog was immediately tempted by the promise of a car ride and jumped right in, ending the chase. He was safely taken to the shelter—after being safely relocated to the transport kennels in the back of the truck, of course!



## MEET AND TREAT



Educating the community on animal welfare is one of our department's main objectives, whether it be one-on-one, at school career day, or at a public event. You can find us at various county-run events throughout the year, providing education and sometimes even some dog treats. Recently, our officers got to set up at the Family Fun Festival and had a wonderful time.

Now, it may seem biased for this newsletter to state that Clark County Animal Protection Services has the best table at these events. It may seem even more biased when you know the writer of this story also decorated the board for the table display. It may seem biased still when you find out that the writer's very picky little dog has visited this booth at these events and absolutely loved the dog treats the officers

offered to her.

All that being said, Clark County Animal Protection Services probably has the best table at these events, and if you ever visit one with your pet, you should certainly stop by and say hello. You may learn something and get a treat that even the pickiest of dogs will love.



## HERE KITTY, KITTY, KITTY... KITTY, KITTY

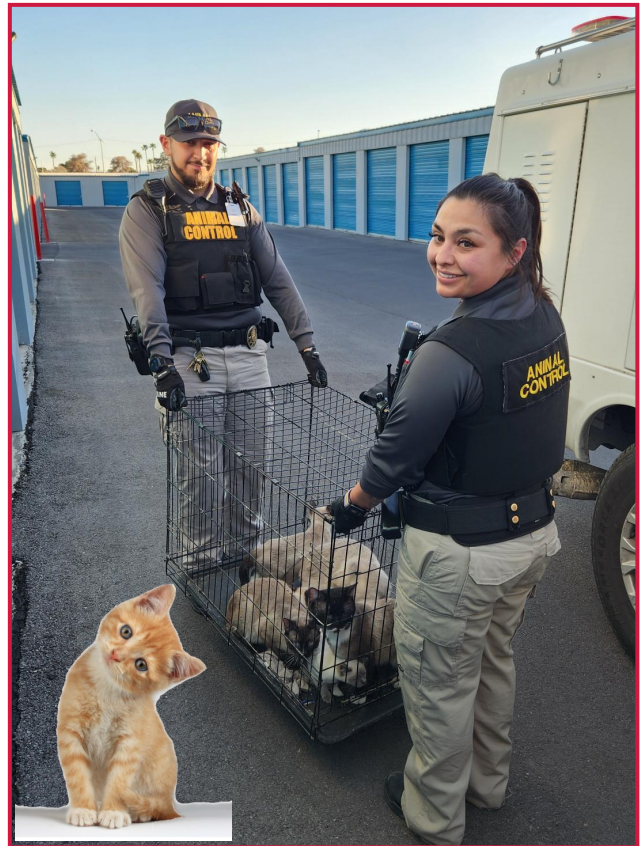
How many cats can fit in a storage unit? No, it's not a riddle, it's a legitimate question that a storage facility and the Metropolitan Police Department called Animal Protection Services to help answer. When Officer Razo arrived, it was clear that cats could be heard inside the unit, but it was not yet apparent just how many there were. After attempts to contact the renter of the unit failed, Metro cut the lock and started to open the unit.

This is when a few cats immediately tried to make a break for freedom. The unit was closed for Officer Razo to set up cages with food. When the unit was opened again, three potential escapees were more than willing to accept the bribe and climbed inside.

So, three cats can fit in a storage unit! Right?

Well, three and a few more.

With the unit properly open, it became immediately apparent that Officer Razo was going to need assistance.



Dry water bowls, empty food bowls, a full litterbox, and many, many more cats were inside. Finding a bag of food, Officer Razo opened it for the hungry and grateful felines and was able to contain a few more.

Soon, Officer Caldera arrived with additional cages, and when all the cats were fed and collected, a total of twenty-one were impounded. All but two cats were unsterilized, which likely explains how the number got so out of hand. The cats will thankfully be sterilized at the shelter, where they will also have proper access to food and water while their living situations are sorted out.

Hopefully lots of light, fresh air, and room to stretch will be in all twenty-one of their futures.



## BAAABRA ON YOUR MIND



Animals in traffic are unfortunately not uncommon calls to the APS division. However, it's usually a dog or a cat that motorists are trying to avoid. In this case, it was a sheep named Baaabra running eastbound on Lake Mead BLVD, having escaped while her owner was out buying her food.

When Officers Simon and Lara arrived to the area, however, they were unable to locate the sheep. A call to the sheep's owner confirmed that he had not yet found her either. Baaabra was proving to be elusive.

Soon after, Metro received a call that a sheep was possibly injured and confined nearby and gave the information to Animal Protection Services. Certain that this was the same sheep, Officers Simon and Lara went to find her. Luckily, upon examination, neither officer found any sign of injury to Baaabra. They secured her with a leash and called her owner.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations Mallory Wythe for being named Animal Protection Services Employee of the Quarter. Mallory joined the team in January 2024 and has been a wonderful addition to our group of dedicated Animal Control Officers. "One of the best parts of my job is the amazing support of everyone that works here! I love my team!" Outside of work Mallory enjoys making memories with her family and cataloging photos into photo albums.

Mallory's favorite animal is a Deer head Chihuahua, she thinks they are so cute even the mean ones. Her favorite movie is Avengers: Infinity War. On her bucket list, is to see the Milky Way with her own eyes, and is hoping that she can travel to a dark enough place to fulfill that dream. When asked if she could trade lives with anyone for two weeks, she switched it up on us and said that it would have to be her dog because she gets to sleep all day and have no responsibilities. Thank you to Mallory for all of her hard work!! It hasn't gone unnoticed.



**2025 FIRST QUARTER STATISTICS**

**CALLS  
RECEIVED BY  
DISPATCH**

**22,430**



**CALLS  
HANDLED IN  
THE FIELD**

**6,471**



**ADMIN CITE  
FINES ISSUED**

**\$73,950**



Vehicle Confinements 98

Stray Animals 660

Administrative Citations 200

Impounded Animals 2,043

Misdemeanor Citations Issued 301

Bite Reports 358

Requests for Prosecution 5

Total Sterilizations 4,433

Health and Welfare 384

Calls for Injured Animals 431

Felony Cases to Metro 9

Return to Owner in the Field 43

## 2025 FIRST QUARTER STATISTICS

Abandoned/Unsecured Properties 44  
 Auto Repair 135  
 Building Without Permit 194  
 Commercial Vehicles in ROW 486  
 Dangerous/Unsafe Structures 111  
 Dead Vegetation & Weeds 96  
 Imminent Danger 15  
 Landscape Parking 101  
 Outside Storage 35  
 Parking Citations 243  
 Short Term Rental 370  
 Squatter Homes 48  
 Trash & Debris 522  
 Unlicensed /Inoperable Vehicles 50  
 Vagrant Camps 1,371  
 Zoning Violations 541

**TOTAL CCPRO  
 CASES  
 5,497**

**TOTAL GRAFFITI  
 CASES  
 3,525**



Dead Vegetation & Weeds \$8,950.00  
 Building Without Permit \$39,900.00  
 Dangerous/Unsafe Structures \$300.00  
 Unlicensed /Inoperable Vehicles  
 \$5,650.00  
 Running a Business Out of a Home  
 \$2,600.00  
 Short Term Rental \$868,350.00  
 Trash & Debris \$12,950.00  
 Zoning Violations \$4,350.00  
 Landscape Parking \$4,250.00  
 Parking Citations \$24,400.00  
 Outside Storage \$600.00

**TOTAL FINES**

**2,482  
 out of  
 2,959  
 CASES  
 RESOLVED  
 WITHOUT FINES**



## DANGEROUS DEMOLITION

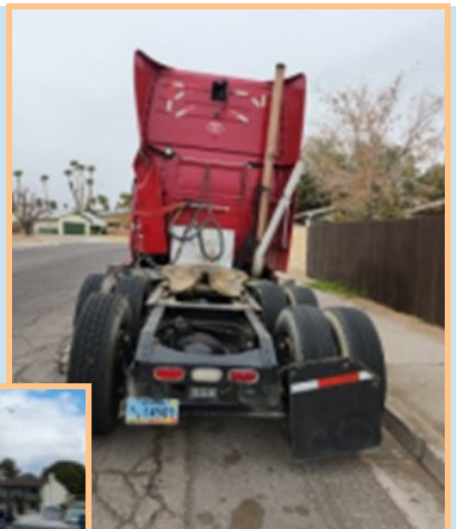
In early March 2025, the Clark County Public Response Office received a call from a concerned citizen stating the neighboring home had burned and was in a dangerous condition. The report came in as a home that had caught fire and was being occupied by squatters. Upon initial inspection, Officer Grant, observed that the home had extensive fire damage, was abandoned and unsecured. However, this was just the beginning, further inspection revealed that the fire had not only destroyed the majority of the structure but included the interior plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems. Due to the conditions, the case was sent to the Clark County Building Department. The structure was found to be structurally compromised, and a Notice and Order was issued and sent to the property owner. With no response from the property owner, demolition bids were requested. While obtaining the bids, it was discovered that asbestos was present, thus additional bids for asbestos removal were obtained. The final inspection showed the property had been demolished, and all solid waste and dead vegetation was removed. A lien was recorded on the property in the amount of \$32,915. Another successful clean up for CCPRO and more happy neighbors!



**\$32,915  
recorded lien**

## NO PLATE? NO PROBLEM

Commercial vehicles stored within residential zoning or parked on unimproved landscaping are both violations of Clark County Code. Such complaints are received on a regular basis and citations are issued as necessary. In early March 2025, our office received a complaint of a red semi parked in the neighborhood. When Officer Riley was on scene, it was verified that the semi cab was parked within 1,000 sq. ft from a residential district, thus being a violation. A citation was posted on the vehicle. The following day, Officer Riley returned for a re-inspection and observed that the citation that had been posted the day before had been removed along with the license plate. A second citation was issued and posted on the vehicle. Upon the third inspection, the vehicle had been removed. A total of \$200.00 was issued in parking citations.

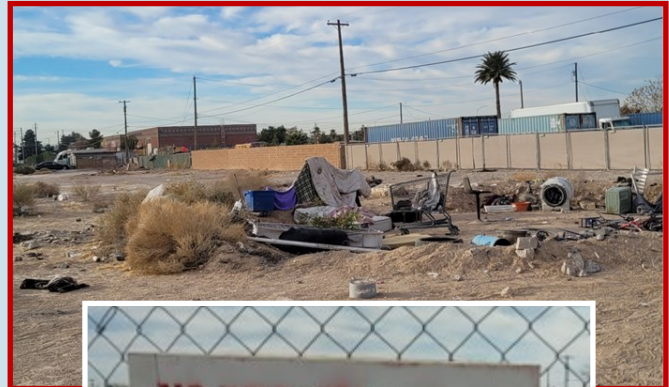


## TEAM EFFORT

It is a collaborative effort to maintain the safety of our community and the Clark County Public Response Office often coordinates with outside agencies. CCPRO received a report from LVMPD NEAC, and upon arrival, Code Enforcement Specialist Josue Morales promptly declared the property an imminent danger and began addressing the violations. The property exhibited clear evidence of unhoused activity and numerous hazards, including human waste, fires, and drug paraphernalia. Given the property's extensive history and the numerous calls received by LVMPD NEAC COP, multiple agencies collaborated to rectify the hazardous situation. LVMPD assisted in removing the unhoused, and HELP of Southern Nevada offered assistance and resources to the individuals removed from the property. The contractor completed the cleanup that same day and repaired 30 feet of damaged fencing. Once the property was cleaned and secured, "no trespassing" signs and imminent danger notifications were posted on the premises and sent to the owner.

A lien totaling \$2,000.00 was recorded.

Congratulations to the team for their efforts in ensuring our community remains safe and clean!



**\$2,000 recorded lien**

## EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Congratulations Sara Perez, Code Enforcement's Employee of the Quarter. Sara states the best thing that she has learned during her time with the division are all the codes that she regulates. When she is not working, she enjoys spending her time taking her daughter to soccer, going to VGK games and having date night with her husband. Her hobbies have become what her daughters hobbies are, which are painting, building castles and reading, wanting to soak up all the time she has with them before they get too old. Sara loves her travels, especially to Italy, where she enjoyed the people, the food and the amazing scenery. She hopes to be able to travel through Europe on a food journey, as she also loves to try new foods. Keep up the great work Sara and thank you for all that you do!



## \$ 39,760.00 ABATEMENT

Clark County Code Enforcement received an urgent complaint about an unsafe building structure with several unhoused people occupying it. Code Enforcement Supervisor Williams conducted an initial inspection of the property and confirmed the severity of the issue: a burned-out structure, partially boarded up, with visible signs of break-ins and personal items throughout.

The situation escalated quickly as Code Enforcement Supervisor Williams discovered that the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (LVMPD) had prior complaints at the property. After further inspection, the property was deemed unsafe, on the verge of collapse. With no way to directly contact the property owners, the process of obtaining a search warrant to secure the property and protect the public began. The situation was dire, and immediate action was needed.

The property was deemed an imminent danger and soon contractors were on the scene to board up the property, clear out debris, and have the Metropolitan Police's SEAC team remove the squatters. The total cost for the initial abatement came to \$1,350.00, which included clearing the property of trash and debris, removing 12 individuals, draining the pool, and securing the premises.

Despite repeated attempts to contact the owners, no action was taken on their part, and Code Enforcement moved forward with the abatement process.

Another major step was taken when Supervisor Williams secured approval for asbestos testing to be conducted on the property. When the results returned and the news was grim, the property tested positive for asbestos in multiple areas, this complicated matters further, delaying the demolition. After months of painstaking work, demolition was completed. The property was cleared of all solid waste, and the pool was backfilled with dirt, ensuring it posed no further risk. The area was fully secured with fencing, marking the end of a long and challenging process for Clark County Code Enforcement. The team worked carefully and thoroughly to remove the hazardous materials.

The total cost for the entire abatement process was \$39,760.00, a significant investment in public safety and the well-being of the community. The owners, who had remained largely unresponsive throughout, were left with a lien on the property.

In the end, it was a successful abatement, one that resulted in a safer environment for the community. A+ for a job well done, and a reminder that Code Enforcement's work is vital for maintaining the safety and integrity of our neighborhoods.



## EFFECTIVE AND RESPECTFUL

Over the course of five months, a residential property in the community underwent a significant transformation following an extended period of non-compliance. What seemed like a simple complaint of trash and debris ended up being far more when the officer assigned to the case, Officer Acosta, performed her first inspection. During the initial inspection, the complaint of “quite a bit” of household trash appeared to include severe conditions of excessive outside storage, inoperable vehicles, scattered trash and miscellaneous debris. These conditions not only posed potential safety and health hazards but also impacted the overall appearance of the neighborhood. Both the property owner and tenants were put on notice of the violations that existed with our office.

Although slight efforts were made to remedy the violations, e.g. removing some debris but then covering an entire area up with tarps – there was little progress taking place as time went on. Due to the extent of the violations and multiple attempts made by Officer Acosta to work with those in violation (via many follow-up inspections, notices, and administrative citations issued); the decision was made to move forward with the abatement process through multi-agency coordination.

The abatement took place in early February and involved several assisting organizations – such as Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department’s South Central Area Command, Western States Towing, and a contracted clean-up company – to conduct a comprehensive effort coordinated by Code Enforcement. Multiple inoperable vehicles were towed from the property and a large volume of trash and debris was removed. Importantly, a trustee of the property was present throughout the process to help identify and set aside any items of personal or sentimental value prior to removal. This collaborative approach helped ensure the clean-up was both effective and respectful to those involved. What started as a simple complaint of trash and debris, resulted in an abatement totaling the amount of \$3,890.00 of a lien placed on the property.

Although our office has a hefty number of similar cases, this specific case highlights the importance of regular property upkeep – not only to avoid code violations, but to preserve the health, safety and harmony of the community.



**\$3,890**  
**recorded lien**

Before  
&  
After

## FIND THE VIOLATIONS



30.01.04 2. AND 3. Development to be in Compliance with County Code.

30.06.11(E) – Grading Permit Required

30.03.03(A)(2)(ii)(e) – Residential Uses - A recreational vehicle is prohibited as an accessory dwelling.

22.02.160 Permits are required for all repairs, alterations, or additions.

30.03.01 (C) (1) – Outside storage prohibited in residential zones.

# ANIMAL PROTECTION SERVICES

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