



WASHOE COUNTY

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STAFF REPORT

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DATE: Wednesday, November 5, 2025

TO: Board of County Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Recommendation to approve a Security Agreement between the University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department – Northern Command and the County of Washoe on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs for security [No fiscal impact to County, annual security costs reimbursed per event] during special events including but not limited to Hot August Nights occurring for the period of August 2025, through the last day of December 2030 with compensation revised each year as employee contracts change. Sheriff. (All Commission Districts.) FOR POSSIBLE ACTION

SUMMARY

The University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department – Northern Command has requested that the Washoe County Sheriff's Office provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs to aid with security during special events including but not limited to Hot August Nights. The agreement provides for reimbursement to the County for the cost of providing the uniformed Deputy Sheriffs during the 2025-2030 special events seasons.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Safe, Secure and Healthy Communities.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On May 14, 2025, the Board approved item 8.F.3. a Security Agreement for the 2024-2025 football seasons.

BACKGROUND

Hot August Nights is an event that pays homage to America's love affair with cars and rock-n-roll during the 1950's and 60s. This event has taken place in the Reno, Sparks and Virginia City areas for over 39 years. Main roads and parking lots are closed for the event

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while surrounded by thousands of spectators and enthusiasts. The 2025 venue was moved to the University of Nevada Reno Campus for the first time extending the Sheriff's scope of service in collaboration with UPD-NC.

The University of Nevada is scheduled to play approximately seven home football games per season. The Washoe County Sheriff's Office will provide additional law enforcement presence in the community and university grounds while the football game, pre and post-game activities are taking place.

The Washoe County Sheriff's Office provides a presence on campus while multiple events are going on, which creates a financial burden to Washoe County. The Nevada System of Higher Education, Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department – Northern Command is aware of the financial burden to Washoe County and has agreed to offset the Sheriff's Office expenses by providing funding to the Sheriff's Office. They have agreed to pay annual security costs reimbursed per event for law enforcement presence.

Retroactively submitted after contract negotiations reached the final stage.

FISCAL IMPACT

WCSO supervision will determine appropriate additional staffing levels needed during these events and all salaries will be reimbursed by The Nevada System of Higher Education, Board of Regents on behalf of the University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department – Northern Command. The funds obtained will be used for salary reimbursement. The reimbursements received will be deposited into Account 150200 – Office of the Sheriff, General Ledger Account 485129 – Salary Reimbursement.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners approve a Security Agreement between the University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department – Northern Command and the County of Washoe on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs for security [No fiscal impact to County, annual security costs reimbursed per event] during special events including but not limited to Hot August Nights occurring for the period of August 2025, through the last day of December 2030 with compensation revised each year as employee contracts change.

POSSIBLE MOTION

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to approve a Security Agreement between the University of Nevada, Reno, University Police Department – Northern Command and the County of Washoe on behalf of Washoe County Sheriff's Office to provide uniformed Deputy Sheriffs for security [No fiscal impact to County, annual security costs reimbursed per event] during special events including but not limited to Hot August Nights occurring for the period of August 2025, through the last day of December 2030 with compensation revised each year as employee contracts change.