

# WASHOE COUNTY SHERIFF



Darin Balaam, Sheriff

**Sun Valley General Improvement District Board Meeting – December 2025 Washoe County Sheriff's Office – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program Funding Request FY 2025/2026**

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## **Our Partnership – Quick History**

- SVGID has been the primary funding partner for removing abandoned vehicles, RVs, boats, and associated trash in Sun Valley for many years
- 100 % of funds spent exclusively in Sun Valley
- Full annual reports and receipts provided every year

## **2024/2025 Fiscal Year Summary**

- Funding received: \$10,000 + \$2,195 rollover
- Fully expended November 18, 2024
- Slight overage of \$305 to remove one high-hazard RV (immediate health/safety threat)
- Current average cost to fully render one motorhome: ≈ \$2,500
- At \$10,000 level → only ~4 major removals per year (far short of community need)

## **Great News – Costs Are Dropping Nevada Assembly Bill 415 (effective October 1, 2025)**

- Raises junk-vehicle threshold from \$200 → \$500
- Allows tow operators to appraise vehicles
- Eliminates many notification & ownership-search requirements → Expected to reduce per-vehicle cost by several hundred dollars and speed removals

## **Request for FY 2025/2026 \$25,000 With AB 415 savings, this will allow:**

- **10–12+ major RV/motorhome removals and large-scale encampment cleanups** (or significantly more as per-vehicle and per-cleanup costs decline)
- Much faster response to resident complaints
- Continued full transparency and detailed annual reporting.

## **Long-Term Solution We Are Actively Pursuing 37 “orphaned” private parcels in Sun Valley created by 2017 rescission of Treasurer’s Tax Deeds**

- Many original owners deceased or companies dissolved
- \$0 taxable value → cannot be sold at tax auction
- No responsible owner → code enforcement & deputies have almost no authority to abate chronic encampments and illegal dumping Actions already taken:
- Complete list of 37 APNs + photos compiled
- Formal request sent to Commissioner Garcia and County Assessor/Treasurer/Recorder offices
- Seeking quiet-title actions, correction deeds, or County reclamation so parcels return to tax rolls and become enforceable

Fixing these 37 sites = permanent elimination of many of the worst chronic hotspots

**Your \$25,000 in 2025/2026 + fixing the 37 parcels = the cleanest, safest Sun Valley we’ve ever had.**

We are happy to answer any questions tonight or at your convenience.

Thank you for your continued partnership and for everything you do for the Sun Valley community.

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AGENDA ITEM #10

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DATE: December 4, 2025

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Chris Melton – General Manager

SUBJECT: Request by Washoe County Sheriff Office, in amount of up to \$25,000.00, to provide assistance with removal of abandoned vehicles in Sun Valley with possible action to approve request of donation from the Sun Valley General Improvement District's Garbage Fund for this 2025/2026 fiscal year.

Staff is recommending approval of Washoe County Sheriff Office request of additional funding to help support their Abandoned Vehicle Program. District's donation of \$25,000.00 would be paid from the District's 2025/2026 Garbage Fund. The funds would assist Washoe County Sheriff Office remove abandoned vehicles, motorhomes, boats and garbage within the Sun Valley community. The Sherriff's office will provide management with annual reports and progress regarding this program and use of funds.

The District has partnered with the Washoe County Sheriff's Office in the past with their Graffiti Abatement Program and continues to partner with its Abandoned Vehicle Program. The Washoe County Sherriff's Office has been a community partner of the District for years and Staff is requesting to continue this partnership.

I would be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have.

Respectively submitted,

Chris Melton  
SVGID, General Manager