

# Douglas County deputies gear up for July 4

With the 4th of July quickly approaching, Douglas County sheriff's deputies are reminding people the possession and discharge of fireworks in Douglas County are against the law.

Anyone found in violation of the fireworks ordinance face criminal penalties, including a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or confinement in the county jail for a period of up to six months.

Additionally, the possession and/or consumption of alcoholic beverages on Nevada Beach on the 4th of July is unlawful. This ordinance came about to reduce the many acts of drunkenness and violence associated with alcohol consumption that were experienced on the beach in previous years. Any violation of this ordinance is an infraction, punishable by a fine up to \$1,000.

The entrance to the beach, as well as the beach, will have a heavy presence of law enforcement personnel. Any cooler, backpack, bag, purse or other container that reasonably could carry a vessel containing an alcoholic beverage is subject to inspection and or seizure anywhere inside Nevada Beach Park.

Elks Point Road will be closed at the intersection of Highway 50 no later than 4:30pm. At that time, no vehicles will be allowed to enter lower Elks Point Road unless proof of residency or proof of campsite occupancy is established. Elks Point Road will remain closed until the completion of the fireworks display.

Heavy congestion in the areas of Nevada Beach, Round Hill, Zephyr Cove, Lower Kingsbury Grade and the Stateline casino core are expected. Lower Lake Parkway may be closed to ingress traffic after the fireworks display should the volume of

traffic dictate the need for such a closure. Motorists are cautioned to anticipate delays while traveling in these areas.