

DCSO SWAT officers win at regional competition

Deputies of the Douglas County Sheriff's Office Special Weapons and Tactics Team recently won top honors at the Northern Nevada SWAT Team competition in Washoe County.

Eight agencies competed in the event: Lyon County Sheriff's Office, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Fallon Naval Air Station Security Forces, Washoe County Disaster Recovery Team, and Reno Tactical Emergency Medical Response Team.

The competition consisted of 21 events. The events are designed to test abilities in team organization, tactical skills, firearms proficiency and physical fitness all while negotiating various scenarios and courses of fire.

DCSO took first in the elite team category, consisting of a three-person team comprised of deputies Geoff Marshall, Rick Koontz Jr. and Marshall Flagg. It took this team just more than 2.5 hours to complete the course.

In the mixed team event, deputies Tyler Jones and Ryan Grant took third place.

In addition to winning the elite category, DCSO's team had the best score and time during the firearms competition.