

# Target shooting has its limitations

With increased citizen concern regarding target shooting in congested areas, Washoe County sheriff's deputies are reminding residents of county ordinances governing discharge of firearms in congested areas.

It is unlawful to discharge: any gun, pistol, or rifle, with the exception of shotguns, air rifles, or BB guns, within 5000 feet of an occupied dwelling; shotguns, air rifles, or BB guns within 1,000 feet of an occupied dwelling; a firearm from, upon, over or across any federal or state highway or any county road or highway; a firearm within a Nevada State Park, unless otherwise designated by the administrator; within the jurisdiction of the U.S. Forest Service it is prohibited to discharge a firearm in or within 150 yards of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area, or across or on a National Forest System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in a manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result in such discharge, or into or within any cave.

A "congested area" is a geographic location where discharge of any firearm is prohibited. Because congested areas are generally densely populated, it has a high risk of personal injury.

A "restricted congested area" is a location where residents must be a minimum of 1,000 feet from any occupied dwelling.

A "non congested area" is a location where residents must be 5,000 feet away from an occupied dwelling. In these areas they may shoot guns, pistols, rifles, shotguns, air rifles, BB guns, or any other firearms.

If anyone has concerns about activity that may be illegal, or

dangerous, call (775) 785.9276.