

# Letter: WCSO appreciates public's support

To the community,

Sheriff Chuck Allen and the entire staff at the Washoe County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the citizens and visitors of Washoe County for the outpouring of gratitude that has been shared with all of the employees at the Sheriff's Office.

"The tragedy that occurred in Dallas only exemplifies the measures that law enforcement officers go to each day they put on their uniform and go to work," Allen said. "Men and women who have sworn to protect the Constitution of the United States of America and defend the freedom of the citizens they protect are no different than you and me, moms and dads, sisters and brothers."

Since taking over as sheriff of Washoe County in January 2015, Allen has worked with other law enforcement agencies to strengthen the relations between law enforcement and the community. Allen has met regularly with leaders of religious groups and other citizen groups to forge relations within Washoe County.

"Our hope in reflecting on the recent tragedies is that we will continue to strengthen the dialogue between the diverse sectors of our community. My hope is that we would all work for improved community relations for the future of Washoe County and those relations would spread well beyond the borders of our region," Allen said.

Employees at the sheriff's office have been showered with words and tokens of appreciation from the community over the last few days and the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Facebook page has been inundated with gratitude and encouragement from the public.

“I have heard many stories of Deputies working within Washoe County receiving handshakes and citizens recognizing them for the work they do,” Allen said. “It just goes to show what a great community in which we live and work. I sincerely want to say ‘thank you’ to our community for supporting all law enforcement officers.”

**Deputy Jeff McCaskill, Washoe County Sheriff’s Office**