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## Press Release

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RE: Cops and Kids Sheriff's Open House  
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### **COPS AND KIDS SHERIFF'S OPEN HOUSE**

What does it mean when Carson City Sheriff's Office is gathering 1,400 hot dogs and buns, 700 sodas, 800 bottles of water, coffee, and putting together 400+ prizes? It's time for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Cops and Kids Sheriff's Open House - this is the place where the community and law enforcement come together. Cops and Kids is a highly anticipated safety fair which combines fun with crime and substance abuse awareness. The event will be hosted Saturday, May 21, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 911 E. Musser Street, Carson City, Nevada.

Cops and Kids Sheriff's Open House was started by Sheriff Ken Furlong as part of the community policing efforts implemented by his administration in order to create positive relationships between law enforcement, youth and citizens of all ages.

"It is critical to the Carson City Sheriff's Office that forming relationships with our kids is recognized as a priority. The Cops and Kids Fair is far more than an entertaining day. It is about building a future for our kids and opening the department to our community," Sheriff Furlong said.

"This event offers something for people of all ages," said DARE Officer and organizer Lisa Davis. "There is always a new experience. Cops and Kids is designed to be interactive – learn while having fun." People can talk to officers, play games, climb through equipment, meet the service animals, meet and visit sponsors and local agencies. Davis said, "It is very important for the community to know that this event is about all of us – citizens, youth, agencies, businesses, and law enforcement."

Cops and Kids Sheriff's Open House began as an effort to give back to the community. It is partially funded by a Justice Assistance Grant and the sheriff's office, but the event has grown beyond public funding capability. Local businesses stepped up to help defray

costs. Grocery Outlet donates all of the hot dogs, buns and beverages. Dan Kimm Rock It Productions has provided music and a sound system for the past twelve years. Donations from American Family Insurance, Sun Spot Tanning, Northern Nevada Coin, Manny's One Stop Shop Automotive Repair, the Kiwanis, Emblem Club, Monarch Direct, the Downtown Business Association, Liz's Biz, and Jamba Juice all donate funds for prizes or provide services.

Undersheriff Steve Albertsen said, "These businesses give so much to make this event a success. Our sponsors increase every year. It would be impossible to maintain the growth of this event without their help. Cops and Kids is the spring board for National Night Out in August. Our event is nationally recognized every year – but the promotion all starts with Cops and Kids."

This truly is the place where the community and law enforcement come together. We hope you join us! For more information call Lisa Davis at (775) 283-7809.

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