

Washoe Sherriff’s Dept. Lt. Joshua Jacobs (00:01):

... where we're at today. So currently the Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC) is a standalone unit comprised of Washoe County Sheriff's Office, detectives, crime analysts, and intelligence analysts. We work closely with our state counterparts at the Fusion Center in Carson. We work closely with our counterparts down in Las Vegas at their fusion center. That's kind of a threat mitigator. One of the reasons we stayed regional and global here instead of going widespread was because it allowed us to gather not only threat analysis such as terrorism, threats in the community, but it also allowed us to focus on crimes and things that impact the local community more than the big picture items.

## Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center 2025

### Intelligence Analysts

Today NNRIC utilizes Intelligence Analysts to monitor, collect, and disseminate intelligence both Regionally and Nationwide. NNRIC has partnered with Nevada Threat Assessment Center NTAC to better serve the community and mission. Intelligence analysts receive tips on every topic from protests to new threats detected from international incidents.

### Crime Analysts

NNRIC utilizes crime analysis and analysts to monitor criminal trends regionally and nationally. Analysts collaborate with counterparts at state level and locally to better serve the community.

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We currently use intelligence analysts and crime analysts to do our job. Intelligence analysts, they're the big picture analysts that we have. So they look at things, and I'll use examples like nationwide right now. **I'm sure some of you heard there's some negativity, and I'm not going to get into that here, but there's negative things happening on a nationwide scale, nationwide trends.** What our intelligence analysts do is they look at that and they say, "Okay, we have acts of vandalism happening throughout this region. We have **calls for violence** occurring within this region." And they look at all of that and then they see if there's any threat to the local community here. They then analyze that data and disseminate it out to all of our local partners and regional partners. So that we have basically we're able to ... It's almost like a early warning system on threats to the community, threats to the region, threats to the state. They're an invaluable part of what we do.

Crime analysts, on the other hand, pretty self-explanatory, they analyze crime. And what our crime analysts do is they look at trends, not just current, but they will go back years to identify problems. And this will come into play when I kind of explain the program that we're proposing with the parks.

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Detectives -- we currently use detectives for threat assessment, **undercover operations, informant cultivation, and social media mining.** And what that means is we have detectives that will go out and we'll see **groups that are a known threat, identify criminal organizations, identified groups that are aligned with other malicious actors in the community** or in this nation. They will try to gather information, whether it just be from something as simple as an open **source social media search** like Facebook **to more covert operations.**

## Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center

### Detectives

NNRIC currently utilizes assigned Detectives for multiple functions

- Threat assessment
- Undercover operations
- Informant Cultivation
- Social Media Mining

### Detention Analyst

NNRIC currently has one Deputy assigned from the Washoe County Detention Facility that acts as an analyst. This Deputy is responsible for conducting interviews of incarcerated individuals for intelligence purposes and acts as a liaison between in custody operations and out of custody enforcement.

And then we currently have a detention analyst assigned, and that is our liaison between the Washoe County Sheriff's Office Detention Facility or the **real time intelligence center**. **And what they do is they monitor the approximate 1,100 to 1,300 images we have.** They're a great source of information on current crime trends, current threats to the community. So they pass that information from the detention facility and we get it out to our partners on the street and to regionally.

# Northern Nevada Real Time Intelligence Center

Anticipated opening June 2025

Partnerships with community

ACLU Invited to collaborate

Camera Systems

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So the Northern Nevada Real Time Intelligence Center is the unit that I'm here to speak about today. It is going to be a subdivision of the intelligence center proper. It is of the NNRTIC. We anticipate opening in June of 2025, currently we're doing renovations and our final **purchases on equipment**. We are able to do all this through our partnerships with the community, partnerships with other **Washoe County agencies, our private entities, private organizations, as well as out of state.**

We have reached out to the ACLU to collaborate. We have not had that meeting yet, but we are still actively trying to solicit as much input to protect the safeguards and privacy of the communities we can. And then NNRIC is going to be utilizing in this community camera systems, and I'm going to go into depth on that.

## Real time Platform

- Incorporates data points from digital sources throughout region.
- Video, traffic patterns, License plate readers, social media, news, and police data all visible on a “Single pane” platform so that operators can get a “Real Time” assessment of incidents



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So real-time intelligence center that as we propose is a ... We call it a single pane of glass. And if you look at the page there, that is what it looks like when you pull up the computer screen. That is a real-time map of Washoe County. So you can see the major thoroughfares there in green. That is actually active traffic maps. You can see where our units are assigned. **You can see where our cameras are assigned.** You can see pretty much everything that a police or fire, medical agency might need to respond to a crisis.





This also allows for us to monitor weather patterns, fire danger. We can monitor air traffic. **We can monitor social media. We can monitor pretty much anything you can think of that we would need to make an educated decision and response.** We can monitor it from this platform without having a bunch of different systems and up to a dozen people monitoring.

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We can do that all with one person looking at one computer. Those people can then relay that information to respond to units, whether they be police or fire. So what I will use using this map, and it's easier on a live presentation, but using this map, the closest equivalent would be when we had the Davis Creek fire. So in the initial stages of that, we would get the initial call out, "Hey, we have a potential fire in this area." We would be able to map where the fire was being located, map the weather or the weather at that time, predict where the fire was going to go, get that information to the first responding fire units, as well as direct our units using the traffic pattern map, how to get there the fastest, because given on the time of day, I'm sure you guys know, the traffic here is getting worse and worse every day.=

So it allows us to do all of that with one user in a very, very quick time. It doesn't make us wait. We don't have to collaborate with a bunch of different 911 operators at end out. We can do that all from that one screen. It's a really, it is a very valuable tech.

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So for participation, **the Washoe County Sheriff's Office has purchased approximately 120 cameras for deployment in the region. Now the cameras we're talking about are by the company Flock. We are also talking to other vendors. We have also incorporated a large number of already owned county cameras, such as the ones here at 9th Street, the ones at the Sheriff's office, we have substations, we have other properties that Washoe County manages throughout the region.** With the purchase of the 120 cameras, we purchase that with a sole purpose of deploying them in our high crime areas. And unfortunately, the parks in this region are some of the highest crime areas we have. Vehicle bergs during the summertime or when schools out are just, that is a constant issue for us. And it's disappointing because you'll have a very, very nice park. We'll have families go there and then they come back to find their car and they start getting text messages, their car windows smash and they start getting text alerts from their credit card that their credit card's being used.

(05:30):

And that is almost every weekend across the region, we're having that. Currently, we're monitoring two crime trends in Washoe County. Both of them are centered around parks. One is Washoe County Parks in the south, and

that would be the WashingtLake Boat ramp, which is constantly being vandalized. And we're currently actively deploying cameras down there to try and get it lit on that, get that to stop. And another one is with our Reno parks in the south. But parks have always been a prime target for people intimate crimes, especially burglary, damage to property, all of that. And we think the cameras will allow us to accomplish that. The reason we believe that is because for a number of years, Washoe County has already been doing this. We have deployed our sheriff's office camera trailers, which is our marked trailers with active warnings to parks when we experience an uptick in crime.

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Almost universally across the board with one exception that I can think of, once the camera trailers are deployed to the park, the problem stops in that park. The issue we're running into is we don't have a lot of camera trailers and they're very, very, very expensive. For the price of this entire program, we would only be able to afford three camera trailers, which would still leave a large number of parks unguarded. The parks we're looking at doing a permanent installation of cameras in are the Cold Springs Community Center, North Valley's Regional Park, Mayberry Park, Bartley Ranch Regional Park, South Valley's Regional Park, Hidden Valley Regional Park, Hunter Creek Trailhead, a lazy five regional park, and the Rancho Santa Rosa Park. These parks were all identified through my crime analysis or a crime analyst when they've done analysis the past three years of vehicle burglaries, typically in the summer or the warmer months or the times of school's not session.

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So these are the parks that we've identified as a constant problem. There are a number of other parks we're not looking at. When choosing the locations in these parks, it's important to say that none of the cameras that we're talking about deploying are going to be actually in the park itself. They're going to be in the parking lot. We're not looking to monitor activities that are happening in the park. We're looking to safeguard where we've identified the problem and the problem in the parks is the parking lot. That's where windows are getting smashed. That's where majority of our damage is happening is within view. Unfortunately, I do know that in some cases there's damage that's occurring outside of the parking lot.

(07:27):

**We don't want to intrude on the private affairs of people enjoying the park**, and unfortunately we will not be offering to deploy our cameras further into the park for that reason. There is also a Bowers Mansion Park was something we had identified. It's not quite the target for vehicle burglaries that the rest of the county is, but **because of the swimming pool there, we will not be deploying cameras in that area**. North Valley's Regional Park and Stephanie and I have worked very closely on this, and we are in agreement **that we don't want to deploy cameras where people might be uncomfortable or having heightened the level of privacy**. So we won't be deploying cameras that have a view of the splash parks. We won't be deploying cameras where they have any view of people where they might have a heightened sense of expectation of privacy.

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**We're really doing everything we can to safeguard the public from that feeling of they're being watched**. The cameras are literally being deployed to look for vehicle burglaries and DOPs happening in the parking lots. And that is based on the analysis we've done the last couple years.

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The sheriff's office has already made this purchase. These cameras will not cost you anything just so you have an idea on the money we're talking about. **Each one of these cameras is costing us \$3,000, and then the user fee after that is \$3,000 per year**. The tech allows for a lot of usage. They are cellular in design. They're pretty high-end cameras and they're wanting to be used to accept it in the industry, but to parks has cost you nothing. We are currently partnering with a number of other organizations that will have asked us to move into their area, and they will assume cost after X amount of time. That's not what we're asking. We're asking for help to get the problem that we're seeing year after year in the parks out of control with other people's vehicles being broken into. And that's all I have.

Thank you.

Washoe Co. Open Space and Regional Parks Commission chair Neal Jones (09:01):

Thank you, lieutenant. Thank you. You're not leaving right away, are you? Questions? We have a couple of questions. Commissioners, identify yourselves, please, for the record.

Commissioner Timothy Dake (09:12):

This is Commissioner Dake. Lieutenant Jenkins, thank you for that presentation. That's very informative. These park parking lots, what we're focusing on, is it a day versus night issue? Is it at high activity levels like dragon lights or some of the bigger events or just kind of anytime, anywhere?

Lt. Jenkins (09:28):

It's anytime anywhere. The bigger events are always going to draw more activity, which means we're going to have more potential victims. For Dragon Lights this year, to give an example of the success of the cameras we

have, I believe last year we had approximately eight vehicle burglaries during dragon lights. This year we had our camera deployed up there during the event and there was one recorded.

Commissioner Dake ([09:46](#)):

Nice. Okay. And are these cameras accessible by public, similar to an NDOT camera on the highway? They will not be.

Lt. Jenkins ([09:53](#)):

They are not. The reason they're not is one, the feeds. If there is something criminal in nature, that becomes evidence. We also have a lot of partnerships with the community, private business, private organizations that don't want their feeds out there.

Commissioner Dake ([10:08](#)):

Thank you.

Commissioner Mark Newman ([10:11](#)):

Mark Newman, for the record.

Sun Valley General Improvement District got some grants through the ARPA fund and put in cameras at the Gifford Park and redid all the dugouts and it's completely eliminated all the graffiti and problems that used to be there because everybody knows the camera's there. Do you guys have hooked up to the Sheriff's Department yet?

Lt. Jenkins ([10:30](#)):

So we're actually in partnership with the Sun Valley GID. So we're aware of the ones at the ballpark. They don't encompass the entire park as a whole and they are a little bit older.

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Okay. So when I was talking, I had been talking to ... Forgive me. So the cameras at Gefford Park, they cover the ballpark. They had told me that they were a little bit older, and so we were actually installing some of these into Gufford Park as well.

Commissioner Newman ([10:57](#)):

We got the money from the ARPA phone. I was just curious if you guys had connected up- Oh

Lt. Jenkins ([11:00](#)):

Yeah. Yeah. We're actually partnered with them. We're doing a lot of ... I think I have to give the same presentation. I forgot

Commissioner Newman ([11:06](#)):

To ask at the last meeting. Thank you.

Chair Jones ([11:10](#)):

Chair Jones, for the record, I noticed that there's one camera in Incline Village. Is there any way that these cameras can assist in emergency evacuation?

Lt. Jenkins ([11:21](#)):

Yes. We've actually, our deployment strategy does focus a lot on not just crime prevention, but we do have cameras that are placed on the map that are more inclined or we're placing them there for things like fire and natural disaster evacuation. And that'll give us real time data to ... So like in the Davis Creek fire, we're looking at water towers and in Sun Valley. We're looking at water towers in Spanish springs, Cold Springs. With the suburbans, they're not going to get to a lot of crime, but they will be a very valuable assets community when we have those natural disasters in those regions.

Chair Jones ([11:48](#)):

Thank you.

Clerk ([11:49](#)):

Commissioner Joel has his hand up. He has a question. Go ahead, Commissioner Joel.

Commissioner Kevin Joel ([11:53](#)):

Actually, not a question, just a comment, but great presentation. I think it's a fantastic idea. Thank you for bringing it forward. I was familiar with Carson City Park's efforts to put out some cameras at many of their trail heads and talking to staff down there, they said that there was a marked drop in vehicle burglaries and vandalism

at the park. Very, very effective. And theirs were just trail cameras on a seal post. So the proposal that you have for an actual live feed to the information center, I think is a fantastic idea. And it appears to be well thought out and thank you for bringing it forward to help protect our parks.

Lt. Jenkins ([12:31](#)):

Thank you very much.

Commissioner Tracy Kaczynski ([12:32](#)):

Tracy Kaczynski, for the record, and I just have a related question. I'm curious, if the public is aware of them, what do the cameras look like? How are they posted? Are they stationary? Can you move them around?

Lt. Jenkins ([12:42](#)):

So they're going to be hard fixed in the parks. We were going to be doing a very big public announcement before the cameras go up, before the system goes live. At the sheriff's office, we're very much about transparency with the public. This is not the kind of program that we want to unveil and then say, "Oh, look at what we did." The sheriff has notified the public the priority. As for the appearance, we are still working out how we want to do signage. We don't want there not to be signage around the sign or around the cameras because we want the public to know. And also for the deterrence effect, like I said, when we have the camera trailers, they're clearly marked sheriff's office camera trailers. Once those go into parks, typically the burglaries stop. They do move, but they stop in that park. So the more signage we have, the more public awareness we have, the better.

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The cameras themselves are actually very ... They're not youth. They're not kind of an eyesore. They're dislocated normal cameras. Almost cameras that are up on the wall behind you there. They're about that size and they are solar in a lot of cases.

Speaker 2 ([13:35](#)):

Any more questions from the commissioners? Seeing none. Thank you, Lieutenant Jenkins. Appreciate it. That was an excellent presentation and thank you for your service