



Southern Nevada Graffiti Coalition

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Southern Nevada's Graffiti Fighting Alliance

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Southern Nevada United Against Graffiti Vandalism

Nevada's New Habitual Graffiti Violator Law is Signed into Law

Governor Brian Sandoval has signed Assembly Bill 244 into law. This bill, also known as the *Habitual Graffiti Violator Law*, was designed to address the problem of repeat graffiti offenders who continually scoff the law and continue to place graffiti in spite of numerous previous arrests and convictions. Under the new law, any adult who is arrested for placing graffiti, regardless of the amount of damage, will be charged with a class D felony when they have two or more prior graffiti convictions (regardless of whether the previous convictions were misdemeanors, gross misdemeanors or felonies). Additionally, when an adult has a single prior felony graffiti conviction, any and all subsequent arrests will be a class D felony, regardless of the amount of the damage. Those graffiti vandals who are convicted under the new law will face one to four years in state prison and a fine up to \$5,000.00 in additional to numerous other penalties. The new Habitual Graffiti Violator Law goes into effect October 1st.





Zero Graffiti International Announces 2016 Conference in Las Vegas

Zero Graffiti International has announced that they will hold their 2016 international graffiti conference in Las Vegas. This organization is comprised of law enforcement officers and graffiti abatement professionals from around the nation. Each year they hold a conference where those who fight graffiti can attend training seminars and establish working relationships that will aid in the effort to manage graffiti vandalism. The conference will be held in Spring 2016 with the exact dates and location to be announced in the coming months.

Nevada to add “Livestock” to Property in need of Protection from Graffiti Vandals



Nevada lawmakers are currently working to add livestock to items that need to receive specific legal protection from graffiti vandals. Throughout Nevada, particularly in northern Nevada, numerous incidents of graffiti tagged cattle have occurred requiring lawmakers to take action. If the definition of graffiti is changed to include livestock, graffiti vandals who target livestock will be prosecuted and subject to legal penalties designed specifically for graffiti vandals.

Beached Whales Targeted by Graffiti Vandals

Graffiti with the name of a San Francisco area motorcycle gang was found on a dead whale on a Pacifica beach recently. The name of a Bay Area motorcycle club was spray-painted on the carcass which was tucked against a cove at Mori Point and discovered by citizens visiting the beach area. This is one of several beached whales that have been found tagged with graffiti recently. Last year another beached whale was tagged with graffiti near Atlantic City New Jersey.



McWilliams Students take the “No Graffiti Pledge”

The Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department has again partnered with the City of Las Vegas' Neighborhood Services Department to provide anti-graffiti training to students in our community. The students were educated on the detriments of graffiti vandalism and how to care for the community by protecting it from graffiti. The students then pledged to not get involved in graffiti. They signed a large pledge banner which was then presented to the school.

For several years the students and faculty of McWilliams Elementary School have invited the LVMPD and the City of Las Vegas into their school to provide instruction to the students about caring for the community and protecting it from graffiti vandalism. Their dedication is greatly appreciated!



The LVMPD and the City of Las Vegas wants to thank the students and faculty of McWilliams Elementary School for their dedication to a Graffiti-Free Las Vegas



GRAFFITI GUIDE

To Report a Graffiti Vandal in Progress:

Call 911. Do not approach the vandal.

Be a good witness for responding officers.

Assist the officers with information if/when requested once the vandal is in custody.

To Request Graffiti Removal on Public Property:

Call the *Southern Nevada Graffiti Hotline* at 455-4509.

For Graffiti Removal on Non-Public Property:

For graffiti on utility boxes you can contact the company which owns the box.

For your safety do not attempt to remove graffiti from these boxes yourself.

Graffiti removal on private property is the responsibility of the property owner.

If an arrest is made the owner may receive full restitution as ordered by the court.

If the graffiti is on property managed by a home owner's association the HOA is responsible for removal of the graffiti. The HOA must also make the police report.

To Receive Free Graffiti Removal Supplies for your Neighborhood:

Contact the county or city where you reside. Often these supplies can be provided if you and your neighbors are able and willing to remove graffiti in your neighborhood.

To Have a Police Report made:

Stop by your nearest police station.

You must own the property to complete a police report.

When a report is made a detective will be assigned the case for investigation.

To Report a Known Graffiti Vandal:

Contact your local police department.

To remain anonymous you can call or submit a tip online to CRIME STOPPERS at (702) 385-5555 or www.crimestoppersofnv.com.

Tips leading to a felony arrest or an indictment processed through Crime Stoppers may result in a cash award.



Take the Time to Stop a Crime!



To submit your ANONYMOUS tips:
Call (702) 385-5555

Available 24 hrs a day, 7 days a week. Hablan Español.

Web Tip: www.CrimeStoppersOfNV.com

Text **"CRIMENV"** + your tip info to **CRIMES (274637)**

Text STOP to 274637 to cancel. Text HELP to 274637 for help. Message & Data rates may apply.

Crime Stoppers provides citizens the vehicle to ANONYMOUSLY supply law enforcement with information about a crime or a wanted subject! Crime Stoppers is a non-profit organization that offers cash rewards to eligible tipsters for information processed thru Crime Stoppers that directly leads to a felony arrest or indictment. Crime Stoppers assist all Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Agencies.

¡Toma un momentito para detener un delito!



Para dar sus pistas ANÓNIMAS:

Llame al

(702) 385-5555

Disponible las 24 horas, los 7 días de la semana.

Por Internet: www.CrimeStoppersOfNV.com

Por mensaje de texto: envía "CRIMENV" +
su mensaje al 274637 (CRIMES)

Envía "STOP" al 274637 para cancelar. Envía "HELP" al 274637 para pedir ayuda.
Cargos por mensajes y uso de transmisión de datos pueden aplicar.

Crime Stoppers permite que las personas provean información

ANONIMA a las autoridades del orden público acerca de algún delito o prófugo de la ley.

Crime Stoppers es una organización sin fines de lucro que ofrece recompensas en efectivo a informantes legítimos por los datos que se procesen mediante Crime Stoppers y logren el arresto por delitos graves o enjuiciamiento. Crime Stoppers apoya a todas las agencias del orden público del sur de Nevada.

DID YOU KNOW?

“Slap Tagging” is one of our Most Costly forms of Graffiti

Have you ever passed a traffic sign that was covered with stickers? This is “graffiti” per Nevada state law and is one of the most costly forms of graffiti vandalism. Vandals call these stickers “slappers,” and the act of placing the stickers “slap tagging.” These stickers are considered graffiti because the motivation and result of placing them is the same as traditional graffiti placed with spray paint or markers.

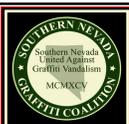


The reason that slap tagging is so costly is that the targeted objects of most slap taggers are often traffic control signs which require repair. When these slappers are removed it often damages the reflective qualities of the sign. This then requires full replacement which is very costly. Just one large stop sign costs the taxpayers \$350.00, not including the labor to exchange the damaged sign with a new one. The cost to replace a freeway overpass sign is \$13,000.00 and requires crews to close lanes of travel.

SLAPPER FACT: If a Slap Tagger defaces a traffic sign and impairs traffic safety they can be charged with a Felony Crime



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