



Trauma Intervention Program
(TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc.

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TRAGEDY DOESN'T TAKE A HOLIDAY AND PROVES TO BE A BUSY TIME FOR LOCAL CRISIS RESPONSE VOLUNTEERS

Las Vegas, NV, December 2, 2014 – Volunteers with the **Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc.**, a non-profit organization that works with local police, fire, and medical personnel to provide emotional and practical support on crime scenes and during traumatic situations, experienced one of their busiest months in 2013.

TIP responded to 127 calls-for-service in November, while assisting close to 500 citizens. This is the second busiest month of 2013, followed by 133 calls-for-service in May of 2013. The most requested type of call was for a natural death; followed by death by suicide, accidental overdoses, and fatal automobile accidents.

"It is always extra difficult for our volunteers to respond to traumatic scenes during the holidays, the emotions seem to be heightened," says Jill Bernacki, CEO of TIP, "we know tragedy doesn't take a holiday, and neither do we. The work we do may not be 'happy' but we are honored to be with our fellow citizens following their darkest hours."

The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc. currently has 70 volunteers who rotate being available 24-hours a day, 7 days a week, every day of the year. 95% of the calls-for-service volunteers respond to involve a death; including the numerous automobile accidents that occurred on our valley roadways last month.

TIP responds anywhere in Clark County, Nev. and responds to requests from the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, Clark County Fire Department, North Las Vegas Police Department, North Las Vegas Fire Department, Henderson Police Department, Henderson Fire Department, Boulder City Police and Fire, Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner, Nevada Highway Patrol, National Park Service, and all hospitals.

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