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MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS SUMMER PROVES TO BE BUSY TIME FOR LOCAL CRISIS RESPONSE TEAM

Las Vegas, NV, July 5, 2016 – Volunteers with the Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc. respond to an average of four scenes of tragedy each day in Clark County. With temperatures increasing, volunteers traditionally respond to a higher number of drownings, search and rescue incidents, and other outdoor-related tragedies. Of the 1,411 calls-for-service in 2015, volunteers assisted 7,278 Clark County citizens during their darkest hours. Ninety-five percent of TIP's calls-for-service are after a death has occurred (e.g. natural, homicide, suicide, child, traffic fatalities) Volunteers also respond to non-death related incidents including domestic violence, sexual assault, near-death experiences, and other violent crimes.

Volunteers respond to calls-for-service at the request of emergency responders, 365 days per year, 24 hours a day. TIP is partnered with and called to scenes to provide emotional and practical support by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, North Las Vegas Police Department, Henderson Police Department, Clark County Fire Department, Las Vegas Fire and Rescue, Boulder City Police Department, Nevada Highway Patrol, AMR/MedicWest, Clark County Office of the Coroner/Medical Examiner and all area hospitals.

"Summer can present our team with some unique calls and challenges" says Jill Bernacki, Chief Executive Officer, "but regardless of who, what, when, where, or, why – our team is going to be there providing much-needed emotional and practical support."

The Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc. will be hosting a training academy, which is on the nights and weekend of July 14th – July 22nd for citizens wanting to join this elite group of compassionate citizens. The academy is an intense two-week training that is comprised of national trainers and outside speakers who ensure that the citizens are ready to respond to scenes of tragedy. There is no experience required; however, recruits must be 16-years-old or older, pass a background investigation, have a clean driving record, and be flexible and willing to respond anywhere in Clark County. Complete details and registration information can be found online at tipoflasvegas.org or by calling (702) 229-0426. Registration spots are limited.

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The **Trauma Intervention Program (TIP) of Southern Nevada, Inc.** is a non-profit organization dedicated to ensuring that those who are emotionally traumatized in emergency situations receive the assistance they need. To accomplish that goal, **TIP** works closely with local communities to establish emergency services volunteer programs. Highly-trained and screened citizen volunteers are called to emergency scenes to assist family members, witnesses, and other bystanders directly on-scene, during the investigation.