

Police academy tailors officers for city

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The city of Henderson has police officers made for its own special needs at the new Southern Nevada Law Enforcement Academy.

This is the new academy's second year. The Police Academy used to include Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, the Clark County School District, Las Vegas City Marshalls, and Las Vegas Fire Department along with Metro.

All agencies except Metro's recruits train at the SNLEA.

Tom Ferrara, Henderson police officer and Academy training instructor, said, "We left Metro to go to the regional academy concept in order to receive more specialized training."

Two other officers that run the academy in addition to

Ferrara are Commander Rick Cooper of Las Vegas Metro and North Las Vegas officer Harley Morgan.

"Metro did a great job but we wanted to concentrate more on Henderson's needs," Ferrara said. "One of Henderson's priorities is patrol with the people, focusing on citizens needs."

Ferrara said there are many areas Henderson law enforcement officials address better now that they have received more specialized training.

"The regional academy makes it easier for us to monitor our recruits' progress in training," Ferrara said. "We (Henderson law enforcement) have different methods of patrolling, performing high-risk car stops and our radio traffic is different from Metro's."

Crime Prevention Officer David Burns said the SNLEA is

beneficial for Metro because they get more space in their academy and is beneficial for Henderson because the city uses their own officers in the training process.

This year, Henderson had 600 applicants who received written tests. The city took those who placed in the top 85th percentile and advanced them to the next step in the application process, the physical training.

Recruits are tested according to their age group. Those who pass the physical training and testing move on to the oral interviews.

Applicants also go through agency prerequisites such as psychological, polygraph and medical tests.

The training academy takes 48 recruits. Classes last 18 weeks for eight hours a day. A major portion of the curriculum is

scholastic with the last hour of the day devoted to defense tactics.

Henderson hires an average of 20 new people a year who attend the regional academy. Ferrara said last year Police Department officials were pleased with the way the new graduates handled themselves on the streets.

"The most rewarding part of the process for me is to see people who come into the academy knowing very little and then graduating, actually using what they have learned and doing a successful job," Ferrara said.

This class, which started Aug. 26, will be the new academy's second graduating class set to finish Jan. 3. The ceremony is tentatively scheduled to be held at UNLV's Judy Bayley Theatre.

Genealogy Society to meet Thursday

The Clark County, Nevada, Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, at the Katherine Center at the Reformation Lutheran Church, 580 E. St. Louis.

The society's birthday will be celebrated, along with a Heritage

Potluck and the election and installation of the 1996-97 Board of Directors.

Meetings are open to the public interested in doing family history research.

For more information, call the CCNGS voice mail, 225-5898.

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Chamber of Commerce lunch on Thursday

The Henderson Chamber of Commerce will hold its general membership luncheon at noon Thursday, at the Railroad Pass Hotel/Casino, 2800 S. Boulder Highway.

Richard Lee, a real estate consultant for First American Title Co. of Nevada, will be the featured speaker.

Lee will give the audience an armchair tour of the commercial, industrial and residential master-planned developments in the valley.

As well as talking and working with developers and builders on a daily basis, he publishes a quarterly newsletter and is producing a second video on

development in the valley.

His presentations have been presented to banks, brokerage firms, local developers and offshore investors from Europe to the Pacific Rim.

Those wishing to attend should call the Chamber office, 565-8951, for a reservation. The cost is \$13 if received at the

Chamber by 5 p.m. today; at the door, the price will be \$18.

Cancellations of reservations must be faxed to the Chamber Office, 565-3115, by 5 p.m. today. Those with a reservation who do not show will be billed \$18.

DEATHS

Lloyd R. Lowes

Lloyd R. Lowes, 80, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 1996 in a local hospital.

Born Aug. 30, 1916, in Jackson, Mo., he had been a resident of Henderson for 39 years.

He was a retired U.S. Government mail carrier.

He is survived by his wife, Eula M. Lowes, and a daughter, Patsy Elghny, both of Henderson; three sons, Robert Kaempfer of Las Vegas, Jack and Fred Kaempfer of Henderson; two sisters, Neat Higgason of Henderson, and Blanche Rhodes of Portland, Ore.; a brother, Leonard of Cape Girardeau, Mo.; 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2 to 7 p.m. today at Palm Mortuary-Henderson.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Palm Mortuary.

Arrangements were handled by Palm Mortuary-Henderson.

George C. Monahan

George C. Monahan, 81, died Tuesday, Sept. 10, 1996, in Henderson.

Born Dec. 10, 1914, in Aurora, Nev., he had been a resident of Henderson for 49 years.

He was a retired County Government public works director.

He was a member/former member of the following organizations:

Past president of the American Public Works Association, Nevada State Water Board, Henderson Real Estate Board, Nevada Register Professional Engineers.

He was a former Clark County surveyor, a charter member of the Knights of Columbus #3741, the 1977 Man of the Year for the American Public Works Association, Public Administrator for 1977, chairman of the Regional Streets and Highway Commission and had held six terms of the Henderson City Planning Commission.

He is survived by his wife, Angela of Henderson; daughter, Mary George also of Henderson; three sons, Darryl of Reno, Greg of Henderson and preceded in death by Dr. George S. of Las Vegas; a sister, Kathryn Sheehy of Yerrington, Nev.; 11 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Palm Mortuary-Eastern. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Henderson. Interment will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Palm Mortuary-Eastern.

Arrangements were handled by Palm Mortuary-Eastern.

Donald C. Peel

Donald C. Peel, 73, died Monday, Sept. 9, 1996, in Las Vegas.

Born Oct. 16, 1922, in Acme, Texas, he had been a resident of Henderson for 50 years.

He was a retired owner/operator of Don's Corral Bar in Henderson; a lifetime member of the VFW; lifetime member of the DAV; former officer in the Clark County Sheriff's Department; and was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Ruthie of Henderson; three daughters, Dona Brady of Manti, Utah, Kim Ware and Dawna Richert of Las Vegas; a brother, John of Ogden, Utah; sister, Pee Wee Hunnicutt of Dallas, Texas; and eight grandchildren.

Services are private. Arrangements were handled by Palm Mortuary-Henderson.

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