

Why Does Reno Get Free Crime Lab Services While Others Pay?

Washoe County is charging various other agencies for Crime Lab use when providing Reno with \$1.4 million dollars of free services annually at taxpayer expense. Why is Washoe subsidizing them when they are suing us, refuse fire automatic aid and hoard fire grants intended for both agencies?

In April of 2014 Sheriff Haley reported Reno owed over \$8 million past due for Crime Lab Services plus an unknown amount for helicopter services. The BCC (County Commission) expressed concern and shock.

However in June of 2012, it was also reported to the BCC that Reno was past due for Crime Lab services and the yearly cost was \$1.4 million. The Board expressed dismay and concern.

A Public Document request reveals there is no contract for crime lab with Reno and hasn't been one for years., nor is there one for Raven. We have lab contracts with Carlin, Winnemucca, tribal police all with a hold harmless but nothing from Reno.

Reno is suing Washoe over fire services and we give them free crime lab! As a non-lawyer, how can you get past due when there was no contract? However you can immediately stop free services until they start paying and/or agree to arbitration on past debt as well as a hold harmless.

The Sheriff expressed concern about crime evidence that wouldn't be processed but then why not do it free for everyone? There is no reason to provide free service to Reno, the highest taxed City in the State at the expense of Washoe taxpayers especially when Reno is suing us and refuses Automatic Aid!

Reno Police & Fire are believed to be the highest compensated in the entire USA, yet they can't afford paying us for services we provide? Think of the Deputies this would provide to Incline and elsewhere!

Contact your county commissioner and newly elected Sheriff Chuck Allen and ask for action! Contact us for their info or to help spread the word. Our email is below.

Sincerely,

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