

Clark County Development Services Builds Relationship with Teddy Bears



Development Services' employees line up with firemen from Station 18 to load "trauma teddies" into a ladder truck.

Just as building and fire departments work together year round to protect life and property, in Clark County, Nev., the two came together to spread holiday cheer to children in need.

On December 22, Clark County Development Services' inspectors, plans examiners, engineers, and support staff, donated more than 200 teddy bears to the Clark County Fire Department's Trauma Teddy program. The county's firemen will in turn give the bears, or trauma teddies, to

children at accident and fire scenes. The stuffed animals tend to have a calming effect on the kids.

"The connection between building and fire departments is clear," said Ron Lynn, director of Development Services and the building official for Clark County. "Both are engaged in the defense of families and their homes. But it's great that building can also support fire through charitable donations that help promote such a worthy program as the Fire Department's Trauma Teddy initiative."

Lynn is also president of the International Code Council.

Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 15th-largest county and provides extensive regional services to more than 2 million citizens and 44 million visitors a year. Included are the nation's 7th-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The county also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to almost 900,000 residents in the unincorporated area. Those services include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.



Fire Chief Steve Smith (center) extends a warm thank you to Development Services' employees for donating to his department's Trauma Teddy program. Ron Lynn stands to the left of Chief Smith.