

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE
CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: DECEMBER 3, 2008

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS
DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:
RECOGNITION OF DUI AWARENESS MONTH

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that driving under the influence is a crime that impacts the community as a whole. The City Council has worked hard to bring attention to the danger of driving under the influence. Through the efforts of the City of Las Vegas, the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro) and the Coroner's Office, the Coroner's DUI Program was created. The goal is to eliminate repeat DUI offenders and reduce the number of offenders through education and public awareness. The Councilman declared December as DUI Awareness Month.

The Councilman introduced SERGEANT RICHARD STRADER, Metro, and SANDY HAVERLY, Stop DUI. SERGEANT STRADER thanked the City Council for the recognition and indicated that DUI is a nationwide issue. Metro officers went out in force aggressively enforcing DUI laws. Arrests for DUI related offenses are up 20 percent and fatalities are down 50 percent, as a result of the City's support and officers enforcing the law.

COUNCILMAN WOLFSON stated that MS. HAVERLY is responsible for saving hundreds of lives and has been fighting DUI for a long time. Through her efforts, many people have been saved and deterred from committing this crime. MS. HAVERLY thanked the City Council for recognizing this issue. She indicated that Metro made more DUI arrests than any other agency in the State. In 1984 PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN declared December as National Drunk and Drug Driving Prevention Month. Since that time, efforts have been made to achieve a Holiday Season free of DUI fatalities. She recommended that everyone utilize a designated driver.