

AGENDA SUMMARY PAGE **CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: NOVEMBER 4, 2009**

DEPARTMENT: OFFICE OF COMMUNICATIONS

DIRECTOR: DAVID RIGGLEMAN

SUBJECT:

RECOGNITION OF THE SCHOOL SAFETY ACTION COMMITTEE

BACKUP DOCUMENTATION:

Submitted at Meeting - Copy of Certificate of Accomplishment for Denise Tomchek and The Northwest Area Command

Minutes:

COUNCILMAN ROSS explained that the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department (Metro), Northwest Area Command (NWAC), and DENISE TOMCHEK, Vice Principal, Arbor View High School, initiated a program called the School Safety Action Committee (Program). Its ultimate goal is to provide information and training to faculty members and parents. Since the inception of this Program, crime and the number of calls for service in the northwest area have substantially decreased. COUNCILMAN ROSS invited MS. TOMCHEK, CAPTAIN CSABA MACZALA, CHIEF GARY SCHOFIELD, OFFICERS RYAN and CRAIG DAHL to the podium and highly commended them for their dedication and commitment in keeping the community safe. In addition, he thanked his assistant and others present who played a part in this program.

CAPTAIN MACZALA thanked the Council for this recognition. He submitted the NWAC School Safety Action Committee Program to the International Association Chiefs of Police where they finished in 7th place. Many agencies are now implementing this program. The Captain thanked everyone involved with the program and was honored to have these individuals as part of this the team. He also emphasized the importance of children being able to attend school in a safe environment in order to learn.

MS. TOMCHEK pointed out that it takes a community to keep students safe. She gave a brief history on past issues. She is passionate about ensuring policies and procedures are enforced to ensure public safety and proper education. She sincerely appreciated the efforts and commitments of everyone involved.

CHIEF SCHOFIELD echoed MS. TOMCHEK's comments and emphasized that she has a genuine concern for protecting children.