

HYDRATION TEAMS and WATER DONATIONS

Helping the Homeless in Southern Nevada one water bottle at a time

WHO: Hydration Teams are a collaboration of individuals from the Mayor's Faith Initiative (MFI) group, local non-profit organizations, faith groups, and community volunteers.

WHAT: Hydration Teams will canvass the streets of Southern Nevada in designated zones to distribute cold water to the homeless population and direct them to immediate shelter at Cooling Stations during extremely hot weather conditions. Cooling Stations are activated to provide an air-conditioned area where homeless can sit while being provided fresh drinking water and sheltering from the extreme temperatures.

WHY: Unfortunately there are not enough shelters to house our local homeless population during extreme temperatures or weather conditions in the summer months. **Continued exposure to extreme heat can have devastating effects on health, leading to conditions such as heat-stroke, dehydration, and death.** Hydration teams will ensure the homeless in our community will be properly hydrated as well as provided information about local day-shelter resources.

WHEN: Hydration Teams will deploy when the temperatures reach "extreme weather" thresholds set by the National Weather Service. A lead representative will inform the Hydration Team Captain(s) to deploy hydration teams when Cooling Stations are activated.

WHERE: Hydration Teams will deploy to predetermined Hydration Zones in town where there are known to be homeless individuals. Hydration Zones will be set by the Mayor's Faith Initiative group prior to deployment.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Donate water:** Water donations are essential to the success of Hydration Team's efforts to keep our homeless hydrated. Please contact info@NevadaHomelessAlliance.org for donation centers and hours.

2. **Become a Hydration Team Captain:** Please visit the Mayor's Faith Initiative website at <http://www.clvnnv.net/lvmfi/> to sign up. Each team captain will be assigned a "Hydration Zone" to accomplish the following:

○ **Roles and Responsibilities of Hydration Team Captain**

- **Volunteers:** Team Captain will be responsible for recruiting and managing volunteers for their Hydration Zone. All community volunteers must sign up on MFI website. Some volunteers may also be recruited by the MFI and assigned under captains and zones. Train volunteers in procedures for supply pick-ups, deployment, and reporting.
- **Coordination of Supply Pick-up:** Water will be stored in nearby Cooling Stations in close proximity to the hydration zones. Zone maps and reporting forms will be provided with water at volunteer arrival.
- **Deployment of Volunteers:** Zone Captains will contact volunteers to deploy during anticipated high temperatures. Volunteers should deploy between the hours of 2:00p and 6:00p to their assigned zone to distribute water and information.

3. **Serve as a volunteer:** Please visit the Mayor's Faith Initiative website at <http://www.clvnnv.net/lvmfi/> to sign up. Each volunteer will be assigned to canvas a specified hydration zone during extremely high temperatures. This includes:

- **Deployment:** When temperatures reach excessive heat, volunteers will be contacted by their captains to verify availability for deployment. If available, volunteers will be responsible for serving between the hours of 2:00p and 6:00p on the given day of need.
- **Pick up water, map, and tracking logs:** Cases of water, maps, and tracking logs will be available for pick-up at Cooling Stations near each hydration zone.
- **Canvassing:** Between the hours of 2:00p and 6:00p volunteers will canvas the assigned specified zone. Volunteers will provide observed homeless individuals/groups/families with cold water. Volunteers will track the distribution of water on the provided service log.
- **Return of excess water and tracking logs:** Volunteers are asked to return any leftover water and the tracking log to the assigned cooling station at the end of their canvassing.