

**SAFETY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND AGENDA**

**WASHOE COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**May 16, 2024  
1:30 PM**

**Washoe County Administration Complex  
1001 E. Ninth Street, Reno, Nevada  
Remotely via Zoom Only  
Meeting ID: 930 8113 0732  
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do this either during the public comment item or during the following item: “Committee/Staff announcements, requests for information, topics for future agendas and statements relating to items not on the agenda”.

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## AGENDA

1. **Call to Order and Determination of Quorum** [Non-Action Item].
2. **Public Comment** [Non-Action Item]. Comments heard under this item will be limited to three minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Safety Committee agenda. However, action may not be taken on any matter raised during this public comment period until the matter is specifically listed on an agenda as an action item. Comments are to be made to the Safety Committee as a whole.
3. **Announcement** [Non-Action Item]. Announcement of the resignation of Deputy Christensen from the County Safety Committee and the appointment of Deputy Leshner, by the Washoe County Sheriff’s Deputies Association, to fill the vacancy.
4. **Approval of September 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes** [For Possible Action]. A review and approval of the Washoe County Safety Committee meeting minutes of September 21, 2023.
5. **Presentation and Discussion of Industrial Injury Reports** [For Possible Action]. A presentation of the Industrial Injury Summary Reports and discussion, and possible action, to make recommendations for the purpose of prevention of work-related injuries or illnesses.
6. **Code 65 Update** [For Possible Action]. A discussion on Section 65 of the Washoe County Code and possible action to recommend code revisions and/or updates for the purpose of addressing work-related injuries or illnesses.
7. **Communication Summary** [For Possible Action]. A review, discussion, and possible action based on the communication summary from Ben West for safety announcements to County personnel.
8. **Award Nominations** [For Possible Action]. A discussion and possible recommendations of safety award nominations for County employees.
9. **Committee Planning for 2024** [For Possible Action]. A discussion and possible action regarding activities, events, notifications, and projects to be accomplished in calendar year 2024.

10. **Update on Safety Drills** [For Possible Action]. A presentation and update by Ben West on County scheduled safety drills that have taken place since the last meeting and possible discussion of safety drills.
11. **Announcements and Future Agendas** [Non-Action Item]. Comments by the Committee or staff members, limited to announcements, topics, or issues for future agendas. No discussion among committee members will take place on this item.
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13. **Adjournment.** [Non-Action Item].