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Hi Julie,

I received an inquiry from UNR about the impacts of changing Center St. to University Way for the street section inside the campus. I'm not sure if this is the same request from August or not. However, I did a quick search in our Dispatch Computer for street names and locations with the name "university" in them. We currently have eight streets with the name "University" (Park, Loop, Ct., Dr. Place, Ridge, Ridge Ct., Park loop, Ter.). This is not an unusual amount of premise locations and typically we are easily able to differentiate the location by cross streets. Also, it seems this might only affect N. Center St. North north of I-80 (8th to 9th).

I am not opposed to the proposed changes by UNR and do not think this will adversely affect responses in this instance.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

-Aaron

On Mon, Aug 9, 2021 at 1:07 PM Orvald, Julie M <[JOrvald@washoecounty.us](mailto:JOrvald@washoecounty.us)> wrote:

Aaron,

Thanks so much for your response!

Julie



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Hello Julie,

I remember a while back (15 years?) when the Southbound 395 off ramp Del Monte was just north of the Da Monte and 395 Southbound exit. It caused major confusion with 911 callers not knowing what off-ramp they were on when dialing 911. Also, the verbiage over the radio often was often misheard and caused routing issues during emergency responses. It was a major help when the Del Monte exit name was changed to Neil. I would advise against any street names that sound too similar in the same area/proximity, regardless of actual jurisdictional boundaries.

-Aaron

On Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 9:59 AM Program, EMS <[EMSProgram@washoecounty.us](mailto:EMSProgram@washoecounty.us)> wrote:

Good morning,

Most of you have been included in this email. I have not received this type of request for comment yet and would like to work with you if there is a concern of implications to EMS response regarding duplicate street names. Please let me know your thoughts and I would be happy to provide combined comments with your agencies.

Thank you,

*Julie*

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Good afternoon,

I am the Street Naming Coordinator for the Regional Street Naming Committee (RSNC). Some of you are on the committee and some I have contacted somewhat randomly. Please feel free to forward this to anyone that may be able to help.

We have an application to rename a major downtown street to a root name that is already used twice in the city of Reno, both streets within 1-2 miles of the street in question. The suffix is different for each street, but the root name is the same. Also, some of the address ranges are the same as the proposed street.

When I review street name requests, I reject duplicate or similar sounding street names for the purpose of public safety and limiting confusion for emergency management purposes. In the last RSNC meeting, we attempted to explain this, however the committee requested expert testimony from the emergency management community. I rejected the name, however the applicant is adamant they restore this street name to its historic name. We are holding a special meeting to address the subject.

I would love to receive a short (or long) narrative, describing how this may or may not cause problems for emergency response or any other reason (USPS). If anyone would be willing to

email their opinion, I need to put an exhibit together to present at the meeting. The sooner you can reply, the better, as the meeting is scheduled for Aug 12 & I am out of the office all next week. If preferred, you are also welcome to speak at the meeting.

Your expertise is much appreciated!

Julie



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