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## Outreach Programs: Addressing Homelessness on an Urban Campus



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## About Me

- Sergeant at UPD
  - Located in Las Vegas, NV
  - 4 Universities
    - UNLV, CSN, NSC, DRI
- Over see HOPE Unit for the department





# About this Session

## Session Takeaways

- Have a better understanding of the cultural stereotypes that surround homelessness.
- Learn what some of the challenges are for students (affiliates) vs. non-students (non-affiliates).
- Enhance their understanding on what they can do to help assist and implement change in their own communities and schools.



# Defining Homelessness

- “Homelessness” is not a description of the individual
- Simply the state of having no home
- Shift our perspective in order to break the cycle
- Goal is to get them to the resources
- Being Homeless is not a crime



# Cultural stereotypes

- Drug addicts
- Low-income families
- Uneducated or less educated
- It's a choice
  
- “Criminalization” of homelessness



## Challenges Among

- Tuition cost
- Housing cost
- Books/materials
- Food
- Transportation
- No birth certificates, ID or SS card
- Mental Illness
- Drug/Alcohol Addiction
- Difficulty keeping or obtaining employment
- Difficulty obtaining housing
- Long wait list for permanent housing
- No desire to change lifestyle or choices



# Impact on the Community

## On Campus

- Students, Faculty, and Staff
- Parents of students
- Campus visitors

## Off Campus

- Citizens that live near campus
- Businesses





# UPD's HOPE Unit

## Homeless Outreach Proactive Engagement Unit

- NO Enforcement
- Partner with community based services
- Partner with federally or state funded services
- Officers have personal involvement with each person
- Impact Center
  - Second Chance Court



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