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McCarran Celebrates the Holidays with Tree Lighting Ceremony

STOP DUI Official to Also Deliver an Important Message at Event

On Friday, Dec. 1, the Clark County Department of Aviation will commemorate the 2006 holiday season with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at McCarran International Airport beginning at 11:00 a.m., near the Aviation Museum on Level 2. Due to increased security procedures at McCarran, this is the first holiday season since 2000 that the department has been privileged to invite Clark County student choir groups to showcase their talent throughout the month of December.

"Tightened security measures have made it a challenging time in the aviation industry, but we are pleased to once again welcome the student performances," said Vassiliadis. "The music enhances the holiday spirit at McCarran during the busy travel time."

In addition to the tree lighting, an important safety message will be delivered by Sandy Heverly, executive director of STOP DUI, a Nevada non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of driving under the influence of alcohol. The STOP DUI message will be a reminder for locals to enjoy the holidays and be responsible when driving.

Lucile S. Bruner Elementary School's fourth and fifth-grade student choir will open and close the ceremony with a gleeful mix of holiday carols. To continue the cheerful ambiance for our passengers and employees, the department has invited Mervin Iverson Elementary School Choir to perform on Friday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a.m., as well as non-profit group ShowBiz Kidz to perform on Friday, Dec. 22, at 1:30 p.m. Both performances will take place at McCarran around the decorative tree on Level 2.

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Assignment Editor's Note: Student interviews will be available upon request.



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