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**Aftermath of Reno Air Races Crash:
Trauma Intervention Program of Northern Nevada (TIP) Plays Key Role Assisting Survivors**

Reno, NV – Volunteers from the non-profit organization Trauma Intervention Program of Northern Nevada (TIP) demonstrated a tremendous commitment of time and spirit to the Reno community and visitors in the aftermath of the devastating crash at the Reno Air Races on Friday. To briefly re-cap TIP's involvement:

- **17 volunteers were on-scene at Stead Airport within 45 minutes** of the plane crash providing support to witnesses, military personnel, and first responders.
- TIP volunteers then divided into three groups – one traveling to St. Mary's Regional Medical Center to assist their staff with victims/patients' families, a second working at Crisis Call Center handling the overload of calls, and the third continuing to provide care on-scene.
- On Saturday, TIP volunteers helped conduct and supported Air Race staff & participants, witnesses, family & friends, and first responders at the 11am and 1pm debriefings at O'Brien Middle School.
- Six TIP volunteers assisted the Washoe County Health Dept. at the Family Assistance Center from 8am-9pm on Saturday.
- Ten TIP volunteers assisted at the Family Assistance Center from 8am-9pm on Sunday.
- TIP continues to help staff the Family Assistance Center today with five volunteers assisting until operations are scheduled to conclude at that location.

TIP has only been operating in northern Nevada for 18 months, and in that time, 30 highly trained volunteers have **donated over 30,000 hours**, responding to calls to assist over 850 client survivors and 700 emergency responders. TIP volunteers provide immediate on-scene emotional and practical support to survivors of tragedy **24/7 – 365 days a year**.

While TIP volunteers have responded to major incidents like the recent **IHOP shooting** in Carson City and the WalMart shooting in Reno last year, they are most often called by emergency responders to the singular personal traumas -- sudden death of loved ones (including suicide and SIDS), vehicle accidents, house fires, children left alone after the death or injury of a parent, missing persons, and crime victims. These often represent the worst few hours in the lives of fellow citizens -- and they are often alone during that time.

The TIP model is one of mutual reliance, cooperation, and synergy among public, private, and non-profit entities in bringing a much needed service to citizens. Current collaborative partners include the Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department, Washoe County Sheriff's Office, Washoe County Medical Examiner's Office, Nevada Highway Patrol, Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority, St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, Reno Fire Department, and Sierra Fire Protection District.

Visit www.tipnnv.org to donate to TIP or to become a TIP volunteer. TIP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and thus, all donations are tax deductible.

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