



Churchill County School District

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It is with deep sadness that we join the Churchill County Sheriff's Office and our entire community in mourning the passing of Sheriff Richard Hickox, who dedicated more than 28 years of service to the people of Churchill County.

Sheriff Hickox was a respected leader, a committed public servant, and a steadfast partner to our schools. Throughout his career, he exemplified integrity, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to the safety of others.

Within our school district, Sheriff Hickox played a vital role in ensuring the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and families. As an active and valued member of our district safety committee, he worked closely with our leadership team on critical initiatives, including the development and strengthening of our zero-tolerance policy for violence. His presence was constant and reassuring, whether on campus, at school events, or in times of need. He never hesitated to step in, offer guidance, or lend support when it mattered most.

Sheriff Hickox's commitment to public safety extended across all of Churchill County and was evident in every aspect of his service. His dedication to protecting the community made a lasting impact that will not be forgotten.

As you drive down Sheckler Road this week, you may notice the stadium lights at Churchill County High School illuminated in blue from 7:00 PM to 7:00 AM. This tribute honors Sheriff Hickox's life and legacy, as blue represents the courage, sacrifice, and service of law enforcement. It is a visible reminder of our gratitude and a symbol of unity as we honor a man who gave so much to our community.

Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife, Barb, a dedicated 5th-grade teacher at Numa Elementary School, as well as his daughters, grandchildren, extended family, friends, and the entire Churchill County Sheriff's Office. We also recognize the profound impact this loss has on our community and staff, many of whom built meaningful connections with Sheriff Hickox and his family over the years.

On behalf of the Churchill County School District, we extend our deepest condolences and remain committed to honoring his legacy through our continued focus on safety, partnership, and community.

With heartfelt sympathy,