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## NAMPA POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

**April 27, 2014, Nampa Idaho- Long time Crime Prevention specialist retires after 20 years of service to the City of Nampa**

The Nampa Police Department is announcing the retirement of Community Service Officer Nena Vigil. After 20 years of service to the City of Nampa, Vigil is calling it quits to a very impressive career as a community service officer and a crime prevention specialist.

Nena Vigil started with the Nampa Police Department as a part time dispatcher in 1994. Since that time, Vigil has worked as a data entry clerk, police training coordinator and report taker. However her time as Nampa's crime prevention specialist since 2008 is where she is leaving her mark. Vigil purchased the first McGruff costume owned by Nampa police. She also started the child fingerprinting program which is a common sight and many community events. Vigil is credited with starting the National Night Out in Nampa; which brings neighborhoods together to fight crime.

Here are just a few of the awards Vigil was noted for during her time with Nampa Police:

- 2000 - National Night Out recognition as coordinator by Chief Allen Creech
- 2002 - Practitioner of the Year Award from Idaho Crime Prevention Association
- 2002- Member of the Idaho Press Tribune "IPT 103" club
- 2005- City Achievement Awards - received 2 awards for the National Night Out Crime Prevention Fair and National Night Out from the Association of Idaho Cities
- 2006- First representative from Idaho appointed to the Crime Prevention Coalition of America
- 2007- Certificate of Appreciation - Nampa Housing Authority
- 2012 - Letter of Recognition from the Idaho Crime Prevention Association for teaching at the Neighborhood Watch Summit.
- 2013- Certificate of Recognition from National Sheriff's Association, National Crime Prevention Council and Bureau of Justice Assistance for Celebrate Safe Communities.

"Life is too short, find your happiness and hold on to it," said Vigil when passing on wisdom to her co-workers. "I'll truly miss you," she continued.

Friends and colleagues are recognizing Vigil's career and her achievements Thursday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2 p.m., at the Nampa Civic Center. There will be awards and presentations from local leaders and some of the many Crime Prevention professionals who have worked alongside Nena over the past few years.

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