

Reno 911

Reno 911 is a satire based on the FOX Television show COPS, which follows actual police officers through their daily duties (often chasing criminals and intervening in domestic disputes). Reno 911! features members of a fictitious Reno Sheriff's Department, videotaped in the course of their duties, sometimes addressing the camera directly as though being interviewed. The show deals heavily in non-politically-correct and 'racy' humor, including many jokes about race, sexual orientation, drug & alcohol abuse, rape, and so on. It has been nominated for and received various awards.

Only the basic plot elements of the show are scripted, with the dialog improvised, enhancing the illusion of reality. Unlike COPS, which the show parodies, Reno 911! Sheriff's deputies are constantly cursing, causing much of their dialog to be "bleeped" for broadcast. The actors often perform their own stunts. A constantly-changing cast of weirdos, prostitutes, homeless persons, survivalists, etc. are portrayed by comedian friends of the primary cast.