

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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Public Safety Committee
Nov. 2, 2011 6:30PM

Present: Janet Richmond, David Werble, Daniel Crawford, Anthony St. John
Absent: Alan Taylor, Jay Beeber, Jeff Berk, Nikki Ezhari

We welcomed two new members to the Public Safety Committee:

Janet brings David to the meeting as her new Watch Capt. for the SoCha NW Group.

Daniel came to participate for the first time. Much of the meeting was spent bringing the new members up to speed on the Neighborhood Council system and the role of the Committee.

Background information was shared on the new Senior Lead Officer Ron Carter. Also an update from the last Board meeting with Capt. Paul Snell the new LAPD Capt. for Van Nuys Division. While we enjoy a lower crime rate than the neighboring areas, property crime still is the primary one committed. Capt. Snell vowed to renew efforts to lower this rate even more. Discussion about ways LAPD and NW groups can use social media such as NIXLE Alert System (www.nixle.com) to be extra eyes and ears for the LAPD.

Anthony was able to obtain permission from DOT for the new Library Square Neighborhood Watch Group, the largest NW in Sherman Oaks, to piggyback NW signs onto City poles to define their area. Daniel will contact Elily Rose from Library Square group about joining her Watch.

Dixie Canyon School has contacted SONC to help them find a solution to the drop off and pick up pedestrian problem at the school. Anthony and a rep from LAPD Valley Traffic Div. will meet with PTA and School parents next week.

David asks for clarification of the Frequency Codes for HAM Radio groups to use to connect with the City agencies in the event of a catastrophic natural disaster. Anthony will check with City Office of Emergency Management. Also he expressed interest in CERT Training for his group.

SHAKE OUT participants above 6 million people. Committee to explore why participation in area businesses was so low. Owners wary of having earthquake drills during business hours.

Adjournment: 8PM