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## Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 10/20/10 Fire Station 83 Community Service Room- 4960 Balboa Blvd.

Call to order by Chair, Tonya Barseghian at 6:08pm; committee members present include Sharon Brewer, Ken Silk, Eliot Cohen, Vicki Jarvis, and Todd Rubenstein. Guests in attendance include Chief Gerry Malais and Firefighter Handy. Unexcused absence: Greg Martayan. A quorum was established.

Unanimous approval of 09/21/10 minutes.

Per Eliot Cohen, the SMMC letter was well received by Councilmember Koretz. The Councilmember plans on meeting with SMMC officials within the next few weeks and will take the ENC letter with him.

Barseghian contacted LAPD's Sergeant Krumer and Commander Villegas regarding the public safety aspects of the 2010 Bicycle Plan Update. They have been informed that ENC's Public Safety Committee stands ready to assist with community awareness and outreach efforts.

Stephanie McFadden of Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division has been assigned as the inspector to the illegal dumping concerns along 5312 Newcastle Ave. The committee suggested contacting the landlord or manager of the building and recommending that they provide tenants with phone numbers of agencies that help with bulky item pick up, shopping carts, etc... Ken suggested contacting Councilmember Koretz for further assistance. The committee decided to continue its efforts with Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division; however, if all else fails, then we will move forward with Ken's request.

LAFD Battalion 10 Chief, Gerry Malais, delivered a preview of the "Ready, Set, Go" presentation which will be shown at the next general meeting on 10/27/10. The informative presentation educates citizens about the dangers of wildfires and the steps one needs to take to protect one's home and family, including creating a family escape

plan and defensible space. It is absolutely crucial for everyone to follow brush clearance guidelines outlined by the city.

Committee reviewed the letter to be sent to Councilmember Koretz regarding LAFD budget cuts and the Mayor's edict to reassign staff assistants; some suggestions were made.

LAFD officials will make monthly or quarterly presentations at our general meetings to update our community about fire safety and other pertaining issues. This is part of an ongoing effort to strengthen the ties between the community and LAFD.

LAPD: West Valley Update- Car break-ins continue to be a problem in Encino. There have also been rises in car break-ins and thefts at Lake Balboa.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted, Tonya Barseghian