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**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 05-18-11
Fire Station 83 Community Service Room- 4960 Balboa Blvd.**

Call to order by Chair, Tonya Barseghian, at 6:10pm; committee members present include Ken Silk, Sharon Brewer, Todd Rubinstein, Eliot Cohen, and Vicki Jarvis. Guests included Captain Szabados, Chief Ruda, Harlan Barbanel, and Barry Fischer. A quorum was established.

Eliot Cohen moved to approve 03-16-11 and 04-20-11 minutes, 2nd by Ken Silk [unanimous approval]

About 25 people have registered for the CERT training program. Chair has distributed flyers at Smart and Final, Ralphs, BevMo!, Encino-Tarzana Library, and has sent E-blasts to various contacts and organizations. Todd Rubinstein sent an E-blast to his contacts at work; most registered trainees are Todd's contacts...job well done, Todd!

Traffic problems continue to persist on Garvin Dr. Harlan Barbanel and Barry Fischer reported an instance when a Fed-Ex truck could not gain entry onto the street and thus was unable to deliver packages. The mean age of residents is 69; there are 18 homes on Garvin Dr. Residents are requesting red paint at the southwest corner of Garvin Dr, and Lanai Road.

Motion by Victiora Jarvis, 2nd by Eliot Cohen

The Public Safety Committee moves to send a letter on behalf of the Encino Neighborhood Council to Councilmember Koretz wherein it details the ongoing traffic hazards and safety concerns at Garvin Drive and Lanai Road. Because the width of Garvin Drive measures less than 28 feet, the Los Angeles Fire Department Manual of Operations restricts parking to only one side of the street. The committee urges Councilmember Koretz to expedite the installation of "no parking" signs and/or the application of red paint onto the curb and to request appropriate enforcement of said regulations. [Unanimous approval]

Captain Szabados and Chief Ruda discussed the LAFD budget cuts; no fire stations will be closed; however, there is a national basis of resource reduction. Chief Ruda has been with the department for 33 years, and has been stationed at Battalion 10 Platoon B since December 2010. Battalion 10 is the only battalion whose resources have not been reduced. Captain Szabados is our local fire station 83 Captain who has been serving our community for 21 years.

Motion by Victoria Jarvis 2nd by Eliot Cohen

The Public Safety Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council provide two treadmills at a cost of no more than \$2500.00 to local fire station 83 to meet their requirements for physical fitness in order for them to be able to safely perform their duties. [Unanimous approval]

Motion by Tonya Barseghian 2nd by Eliot Cohen

The Public Safety Committee moves to purchase wireless communication ports in order for fire department aircrew and firefighters on land to communicate at a cost not to exceed \$1650.00

West Valley Medical Center donation item moved until further notice from Sue Dubrin.

Eliot Cohen reminded the committee of the upcoming July 15-18 demolition project of the Mulholland Bridge and the 10-mile closure of the I-405 between the I-10 and I-101.

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tonya Barseghian

The Encino Neighborhood Council (ENC) is a certified Neighborhood Council of the City of Los Angeles which advises City and other Governmental Officials on issues or concerns that are affecting the community of Encino.

The ENC is made up of elected persons who live, work or otherwise are involved in the community of Encino.

The ENC also makes appropriations of City Funds for Community Projects and needs.

The ENC General Meetings are usually on the 4th Wednesday of each month at the:
Encino Community Center, 4935 Balboa Blvd at 7:00pm.

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