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**Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes 07-20-11
Fire Station 83 Community Service Room- 4960 Balboa Blvd.**

Call to order by Chair, Tonya Barseghian, at 6:13pm; committee members present include Ken Silk, Sharon Brewer, Todd Rubinstein, Eliot Cohen, and Vicki Jarvis.

Unanimous approval of 05/18/11 minutes

CERT update: Twenty-seven people had registered and thirteen had completed the training by graduation date. Five people were to make up one class and subsequently graduate. Those who received a certificate of completion from LAFD also received a disaster preparedness kit from ENC. Furthermore, they will be receiving certificates acknowledging their efforts from Assemblyman Bob Blumenfield's office.

The committee discussed various methods of outreach for the next CERT series; other potential locations to raise awareness include Encino and Sherman Oaks Patch, McDonald's (Haskell and Ventura), Balboa Sports Center, LAFD, LAPD, Sherman Oaks Galleria, religious institutions (through religious rep.), Starbucks, Coffee Bean, Daily News, health clubs, and newsletters for ENC, ECC, and Encino Chamber of Commerce.

Although CERT dates are booked for the remainder of the year, the coordinator has put ENC on the wait list. Until then, the committee is planning on holding the next CERT series early next year and on Mondays during the day. According to SOS Survival Products, items in disaster preparedness kits with expiration date include: food/water (2014) and light sticks (2011/2012).

The committee revisited the Garvin Dr. signage issue and was informed by Chair that Steve is the only engineer who inspects the entire West Valley division of the DOT and, that he is well aware of this concern. Harlan and Jeff paid him a visit at his office and discussed possible solutions. According to Steve, the Garvin Dr. signage is on his radar, and he will get to it on a priority basis. The committee decided to ask the Chair to directly contact Steve.

National Night Out is an effort to heighten awareness and strengthen participation in local anti-crime efforts. It's a great opportunity for communities to promote police- community partnerships, crime prevention, and neighborhood camaraderie. The event is sponsored by National Association of Town Watch and will take place on August 2nd from 5pm-9pm at Randall D. Simmons Park. West Valley LAPD contacted Chair and invited ENC; no donation is required for a booth; however, other NCs have pledged \$500 in support of the event. West Valley LAPD informed Chair of its efforts on disaster preparedness; our local station is the only station working on supplying each patrol car with two disaster preparedness kits. These kits will strictly be used for disaster purposes such as a major earthquake and not for accidents or other emergencies. The city does not supply LAPD with these kits.

Motion by Eliot Cohen, 2nd by Victoria Jarvis

The Public Safety Committee recommends using up to \$500.00 to purchase emergency preparedness kits for West Valley LAPD patrol cars. [4 yes - 2 no - 0 abstain]

LAPD: West Valley Update- Driver was killed in a head on collision on Sepulveda Blvd. in Encino on July 16th, during the 405 closure; the other driver, an Encino resident, survived the crash.

Motion by Eliot Cohen, 2nd by Victoria Jarvis

The Public Safety Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council participate in National Night Out by staffing a booth on Tuesday, August 2nd from 5pm-9pm at Randal D. Simmons Park (formerly known as West Valley Park) located on the corner of Wilbur Avenue and Vanowen Street. [Consent Item]

Motion by Eliot Cohen, 2nd by Victoria Jarvis

The Public Safety Committee recommends that the Encino Neighborhood Council post information pertaining to coyote control on its website with a link to the Los Angeles Animal Services website. [Consent Item]

As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

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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