

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



"Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee Minutes January 14, 2009

Present: Zach Behrens, Anthony St. John, Janet Richmond.

Absent: Alan Taylor, Max Calne, Eric Martin

The Red Cross has placed a storage bin at VNSO Park. It was determined that placement of this bin was a result of the requests made by members of this Committee to the City Office of Emergency Management and Red Cross at the Valley NC Traing Day in Porter Ranch in November. Although we don't know how long the bin will remain in place or who will have access to the combo lock on the bin, we were asked by the Park & Rec. Committee to make a recommendation for access by SONC officials. It was determeined that many NC members were actual ""first responders"" at both the Porter Ranch fires and the Metro-Link train crash in Chatsworth.

This also brought up the need for some kind of City wide recognizable badge/I.D. for NC Board members similar to the CERT hats and vests, so NC members can be ID'd during emergencies, so that their unique knowledge of the area can be put to good use. It was found in recent emergencies that many of the first responders were from out of the area and unfamiliar with the local geography and needs of the evacuees.

The bin at VNSO Park contain emergency supplies, not food and water, for up to 200 people.

After the Northridge quake, over 2500 people stayed in the park.

Q Star Photo Op. 1/22 with Wendy and Board and Comm. members. It was agreed that the Magnolia/Sepulveda location was preferable to the VNSO location.

Tony will contact Joan Pelico re: the status of the manned security cameras along Ventura Blvd.

The was information from stakeholders re: possible drug sales activity on Ethel St. Neighbors

contacted their NHW Captain and we agreed to check it out and alert the SLO for that area. Zach will follow up.

Adjournment at 7:45PM

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