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**Public Safety Committee Minutes**

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 7:00pm

**Online:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84270408817>

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## AGENDA

### 1. **The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order** at 7:06pm - Christy Adair, Chair

### 2. **Roll Call** – Penny Gilbert, Secretary

**Present:** Christy Adair, Penny Gilbert, Penny Johnson, Thelma Mericle, Jesse Smith, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

**Absent:** Barbara McDermott

### 3. **Introductions** – Committee, City Officials and Staff

Ryan Ahari, Field Rep CD4 Office – Notes

- **Worst droughts in 1200 years in so cal.**
  - Ladwp restrictions on watering **2x week, effective early June.**
    - Monday and Friday for addresses ending in odd #
    - Sun and Thursday for addresses ending in even #
- Homeless clothing drive – male clothes, hygiene shirts, sweaters, jackets, sweatpants. **Sat July 9 at Woodman Entrance at Notre Dame – 10am to 1pm** (volunteer too)
- **Sherman Oaks Homeowners Association meeting** is Wed night at 7pm
- **311 requests** – graffiti or trash – 213 424-2412 or email [ryan.ahari@lacity.org](mailto:ryan.ahari@lacity.org)

From SONC: “Movies In the Park” Series starts 6/25 with Encanto

From CERT: Classes Sherman Oaks starts next Tuesday & Van Nuys starts July 9<sup>th</sup>.

### 4. **PRESENTATION – Map Your Neighborhood™** – Kristin Sales of Prep Connect, Inc. works to make neighbors empowered and self-sufficient in the event of an emergency. Some things discussed:

Video of the Presentation can be found here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJT3Zad\\_aG4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NJT3Zad_aG4)

- Courses are divided: Connect, Discuss, Explore, Apply, Simulate
- There are 9 steps to take after a disaster. The first 6 steps are for the individual/ family/ home. The next 3 steps relate to survival of your neighborhood and forming teams.
- MYN teaches how to respond during the first hours of a disaster.
- A neighborhood is defined as 15-20 houses.
- “Golden Hour” is a term used by emergency responders relating to Hour One of a disaster. This is the time of most importance to save lives and property. MYN teaches what people need to do in those first moments.

#### Disaster vs Emergency

- Emergency is when we call 911. Problem is out of control & needs Police, fire, utilities.
- Disaster is when 911 is overloaded and neighbors become the first responders.

Questions / Answers:

Is there an Ideal # of neighbors, blocks. Streets? MYN was designed to be around 15-20 homes.

Is there a way to know if I'm next to a block that has done this?? That is confidential. Kristin suggests we each talk to neighbors when we go out for a walk.

Is there a digital version of the booklet? It is best to have it in our hands as a physical thing. But there is a phone App coming.

Is there a booklet in Spanish yet? Not fully completed yet.

Is there a cost? \$3/household – includes booklet & course if you order 20 books x \$3 - \$60

**5. Covid-19 Crisis Update** – Jesse Smith (Jesse's notes, delivered by Cissy)

The LA County Dept of Public Health today released the latest data on COVID-19.

- 3,310 New COVID-19 cases (3,041,815 cases to date)
- 9 New deaths due to COVID-19 (32,227 deaths to date)
- 579 people currently hospitalized with COVID-19
- More than 12,092,000 individuals tested; 23% of people tested positive to date

**6. Sherman Oaks Senior Lead Officer Update** – Barbara McDermott (Barbara's notes, delivered by Penny Johnson)

\*9863 SLO Romo: property crime is down. Lock It. Hide It. Keep It.

Parking Enforcement Info: [la.parking.org](http://la.parking.org)

877-275-5273 non-emergency

\*9889 SLO Saldana: slight uptick in mail thefts SOB. Call non-emergency #

For Homelessness Issues: [www.lahsa.org](http://www.lahsa.org)

Volunteer Opportunities: email Jason Jimenez [38903@lapd.online](mailto:38903@lapd.online). 818/374-5420

**7. LAFD Community Emergency Response Team "CERT" Updates**

- Sherman Oaks Galleria Class set – Tuesdays: June 21 through August 2
- Van Nuys Class at 1<sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church – Fridays: July 9 thru August 19th

**8. Speaker for July 12, 2022 Meeting**

La County Vector Control District - Anais Medina Dias & Mary-Joy Coburn

- Discuss types of Mosquitos in Sherman Oaks
- How to harden your home environment to these unwanted biters

**9. Public Comments** – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee's jurisdiction. None brought up.

**10. Committee Response to Public Comment.** N/A

**11. Administrative Motions - Action Item; Vote Required.**

- a) Motion to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2022 Public Safety Meeting

Motion to approve minutes, as presented: Penny Johnson and Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

**Present:** Christy Adair, Penny Gilbert, Penny Johnson, Thelma Mericle, Jesse Smith, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

**Absent:** Barbara McDermott

- b) Motion to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Public Safety Meeting.

**Present:** Christy Adair, Penny Gilbert, Penny Johnson, *Barbara McDermott*, Thelma Mericle, Jesse Smith, Cissy Varkey-Altamirano

**Absent:** Barbara McDermott

**12. Final Committee Business and Announcements**

Jeffrey: Today is Flag Day!! Father's Day is coming up next Sunday!

**13. Adjourn at 8:20pm - Christy Adair, Chair**

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:**

- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the [www.CERT-LA.com](http://www.CERT-LA.com) website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at [join.ntp-la.org](http://join.ntp-la.org)
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at [Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com](mailto:Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com)
- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at [Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com](mailto:Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com)
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- For **LAPD volunteer opportunities**, contact Officer Jason Jimenez in the Community Relations Office at [38903@lapd.online](mailto:38903@lapd.online), or call (818) 374-5420.

**ONGOING RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PRACTICE OPPORTUNITIES:**

**Weekly Walkie-Talkie Radio Check-In:** Every Sunday at 10am: Channel 20 (or Ch 17 if 20 is busy), we check-in around the Valley to see how far our voices can be heard. We practice checking-in, moving locations around the home until someone can hear us. Simple radios are a good source of emergency communication with your immediate area which could help if we experience a valley-wide disaster. The PSC suggests you pull-out a walkie, put in fresh batteries, and listen to next Sunday’s net to see if you can hear anyone.

**Weekly Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net:** Every Sunday at 9am on Simplex 145.570 we have a weekly net for Ham Radio Operators transmitting around the SF Valley and beyond. It is a formal, but friendly, net where information is exchanged on a variety of topics. It is especially great net for NEW Hams.

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