

Committee Members:

Susan Collins – Co-Chair
Christy Adair – Co-Chair
Penny Johnson
Barbara McDermott
Thelma Mericle

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**Sherman Oaks
Neighborhood Council**

**Public Safety Committee Meeting
MINUTES**
From Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:30pm



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Neighborhood Council
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MINUTES

1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – **Meeting called to order at 6:31pm**
Susan Collins & Christy Adair Co-Chairs

2. Roll Call – **Susan Collins, Present / Christy Adair, Present / Penny Johnson, Present / Thelma Mericle, Present / Barbara McDermott, Absent**

3. Introductions & City Updates – Committee, City Officials and Staff

4. Sherman Oaks Crime Data Update – **Susan Collins relayed the latest crime data provided by LAPD. Available for review at:**

<https://lapdonlinestrgeacc.blob.core.usgovcloudapi.net/lapdonlinemedia/vnyprof.pdf>

5. Public Comments – Comments by the public on non-agenda items within the Public Safety Committee’s jurisdiction.

None

6. Committee Response to Public Comment-

7. C.E.R.T. Report – Upcoming Classes & Events: Christy Adair –

Christy Adair:

- **Reminded us to check our smoke and carbon monoxide alarms every 6 months.**
- **1/3 of house fires are from candles – so be aware of them and make sure to blow them out when they can't be monitored.**
- **If you have a live Christmas tree, be sure to keep it watered**
- **Don't use old and damaged lighting decorations on your tree or around the house.**
- **When cooking anything that smokes – keep it outside**
- **If you're having house guests, share your evacuation plan with them, so everyone is safe in the event of an emergency.**

8. Final Committee Business and Announcements- Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda.

- **Board members commented on the opening of Chick-fil-A on Van Nuys Blvd. Everyone agreed that is it a pleasant addition and an aesthetically pleasing business.**
- **Thelma Mericle mentioned seeing a homeless person swiping a customer's purchase and running across the street and into the park.**
- **Penny Johnson suggested asking LAPD to increase patrols around the area.**

10. Adjourn – Meeting Adjourned at 7:31pm

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:

- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the www.CERT-LA.com website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at joinntp-la.org
- For **Map Your Neighborhood**, contact Barbara at Barbara.McDermott.Sonc@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch Groups**, contact Cissy at Cissy.Altamirano.Sonc@gmail.com
- To **SUBSCRIBE** to receive monthly meeting announcements and agendas, contact: SoncPScommittee@gmail.com
- For **Neighborhood Watch** info, contact your local Senior Lead Officer (“SLO”). To find your SLO: <https://www.lapdonline.org/> | Your LAPD | Find Your Local Police Station
- For **LAPD volunteer opportunities**, contact Officer Jason Jimenez in the Community Relations Office at 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 16 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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