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Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda

January 13, 2026

MINUTES:

1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – 6:37PM

Susan Collins & Christy Adair Co-Chairs

2. Roll Call –

Susan Collins, Present
Christy Adair, Present
Penny Johnson, Present
Barbara McDermott, Present
Thelma Mericle, Present

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

4. Review and possible vote on the approval of meeting minutes from the December 9, 2025 meeting – Motion to table. Approved unanimously

5. Sherman Oaks Crime Data Update – Susan Collins

See Crime Data in supporting documents

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

*Kira – Asked about the Senior Lead Officer replacement & requested an update on Stern and Ventura.

7. Committee Response to Public Comment-

*Regarding Kira's question on SLO position: Van Nuys Division says there will not be a permanent replacement for the SLO, for a while. Residents should continue to use the same phone number for the SLO as they always have because it will be given to each officer who temporarily fill that position.

*Regarding the Stern / Ventura position: There are still safety, blight and security issues, although Captain Zine is personally driving by the area and outreach workers are also going

there. Residents have continued to document each event with as detailed information and photos (when safely obtainable).

*Committee members discussed the need for discretion in voicing personal opinions vs. discussing only the facts of a situation while in a position that represents the city.

8. “DROP” site: Californians can now stop data brokers from selling their personal information through a new state program. Board members discussed the benefits of this program. Susan Collins stated the site to sign up requested more personal information than she was comfortable giving out. Christy Adair mentioned that the program is sponsored by the FBI.

The Delete Request and Opt-out Platform, or [DROP, is a one-stop website](#) that allows residents to submit data deletion requests, requiring registered data brokers to erase their information. Californians can visit [this site](#) to start the process.

Gov. Gavin Newsom signed the [California Delete Act](#) into law in 2023, directing the California Privacy Protection Agency to create DROP. The program launched on New Year’s Day.

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

LAFD Chief Robert Barna is hosting a free CPR Class on Saturday, February 7th. This will be a free class for local community members. (If a certificate is needed, there is a \$27 fee to register a certificate.)

CPR Class:

Date: Saturday, February 7th

Location: 5056 Van Nuys Blvd, The Auditorium

Event Time: **11:30am – 5:30pm (approx.)** *Time changed to 1:00pm – 4:00pm

Upcoming C.E.R.T. Classes:

*New C.E.R.T. classes are tentatively scheduled to be held at The Galleria Conference Room starting in May and run through June. Classes will most likely be held on Wednesday nights from May 6, - June 17, 2026

*Registration Link will be posted on the Public Safety Committee page soon.

For more information, contact LafdCertValley@gmail.com

10. Final Committee Business and Announcements- Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda. Reminded people to sign up for the Homeless Count.

11. Adjourn

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOURCES:

- For **LAFD CERT** information, check the www.CERT-LA.com website
- For Emergency Preparedness Continuing Education classes, sign up at join.ntp-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: SoncPSCcommittee@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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* The eligible legislative body shall not require public comments to be submitted in advance of the meeting and shall provide an opportunity for the public to address the legislative body and offer comments in real time.

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