

Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council



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Public Safety Committee

Westfield Mall Community Room

Feb. 1, 2012 6:30PM

Present: Anthony St. John, Janet Richmond, Jay Beeber, Bob Cupples, Raj
Bhattachary, Richa Amar, LAPD SLO Ron Carter

Absent: Jeff Berk, Alan Taylor

At the time of our meeting SLO Carter received a report of a beating that had just occurred at VNSO Park between two males. One attacked the other with a tire iron. The wound appeared to be fatal. Anthony mentioned that the security cameras at the Senior Center in the Park had yet to be activated. There also exist 2 Q Star anti graffiti cameras at VNSO Park that are under the supervision of Lucas Hamilton of the Gang Division. And the lighting in the Park had yet to be re-set to Daylight Savings time.

SLO Carter reported on recent Apt. building parking garage break-ins and the increase in the transient population. Many of these transients are not merely homeless but are avoiding probation officers and existing warrants. Many are responsible for much of the petty break-ins in this area. Officer Carter explains that when these people are released from Van Nuys station holding, they are released right in Van Nuys and migrate to Sherman Oaks or set up camps in the canyons. He requests that when we discover any of these camps that they be reported at LAPD non emergency number. (818) 734-2223.

Officer Carter also mentioned that there has been a slight increase in squatters in foreclosed homes in the area, one on Deervale. Please report any suspicious comings

and goings on these properties no matter how “legit” they may seem.

There have been home burglaries from people posing as “door to door” sales people, knocking to see if anyone is home or watching the area. Carter explained that he is starting a program called “eyes and ears” to include US Postal workers, UPS and FedEx employees etc. to report any suspicious activities or vehicles to LAPD in areas that have been targets. Response time in our area is averaging about 7 min. There have been 36 violent crimes, 5 murders and 390 property crimes in our area in 2011, slightly lower than surrounding communities.

Anthony suggests enlisting the help of Valet Parking Services to remind customers not to leave valuables in cars when parking.

SLO Carter also spoke about the “Party Car” from LAPD used on week-ends to break-up “Party Houses”. The owner’s property may be impounded and fines may be levied to cover costs of patrol cars, chopper etc.

Jay mentioned he wanted to get a list of the still operating Medical Marijuana Clinics in Sherman Oaks from Tamar.

Janet offered to help the new NW Group along Knobhill get set up with NW signs etc.

Anthony mentioned his desire to have an “Emergency Prep Day” in VNSO Park for the people who live in the area to let them know that the gym at the Park is an official Red Cross shelter in case of an earthquake. There was discussion about providing a shopping list of basic supplies and a possible 10% discount from the participating stores.

Adjournment: 8:30PM