

NORTH HILLS WEST NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday December 29, 2014 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm
New Horizons, 15725 Parthenia Street North Hills, CA 91343
(Small Conference Room)

1. Members present: Dave Brown, Carol Hart, Armando Diaz,
Absent: Ann Van Nada, quorum is established at 3 of 4 at 640 PM
General Comments:

2. Malasadas, origin, preparation
Active Shooter scenario training(s) for a variety of locations.
Group home - Sober living houses in residential areas
Pet issues pertaining to Emergency Preparedness
Community Police Academy 8 week presentation/course,
consecutive Thursdays at Davis Training Center, past the Odyssey Restaurant
Contact your Senior Lead Officer for signup (free)

4A. Events: 7th Annual Valley Disaster Preparedness Fair at Fire Station 87 on Balboa Which, as it is within our Neighborhood Council border, we are the host NC Each year attendance has increased. A multi Neighborhood Council (11) event With significant Volunteer support from many Agencies, Groups, and Individuals Held in the large parking lot to the east (behind) the Station

Future proposals include more hands on demonstrations and trainings
Attendees were most responsive to new Neighborhood Watch signs
As well as anything to do with Pets: safety, emergency preparation, etc
Oct 3rd 2015 date for next event

B. CPAB (Community Police Advisory Board)

LAPD Devonshire CPAB meets bimonthly, next meeting is Dec 21st at 7 PM
Mission Hills CPAB meets monthly also on 3rd Wed, 615 PM, all are welcome
CPAB is successful as a group effort, not run by 1 person or an executive board
But by the contribution and active participation of all involved

C. Neighborhood Watch (NW) Program(s):

The best free first step in becoming informed and prepared
New replacement signs are currently being installed within our boundary
Old, tired or damaged NW signs will be removed
Obtain Comstat hot spots from SLOs for potential sign placement

5A. Outreach & Recruitment

NW Block Captains & Team Members

Contact nwatch@nhwnc.net for additional information Nextdoor "Citizen Reporters"

B. LAFD: 1 free smoke detector per household program still in effect
Can the Neighborhood Council additionally support this ?

Perhaps distribute at meetings?
Source & cost information to be obtained

C. LAPD: Work with our Senior Lead Officers (SLO), to address chronic areas including graffiti, illegal dumping, street racing, etc
VST (Volunteer Surveillance Team) potential for involvement in some of these areas
VST Devonshire has fielded a Rapid Response Team, and is starting a Bicycle Team

S.O.L.I.D. (Supporters of Law Enforcement in Devonshire) is the 501(c)3 non profit that supports Devonshire LAPD

D. CERT and MYN (Map Your Neighborhood)
Both free to neighbors, to aid in preparing for a significant disruption of service(s)
Our Neighborhood Council and other organizations fully support ongoing implementation

E. Neighborhood street lighting: report dead lights asap to myla311
There are a large variety of emergency lighting products available at SOS
(sosproducts.com)

6A. Announcement: Our new Neighborhood Prosecutor Alin Sahagian is now based at Devonshire Station and can bring multi-jurisdictional resources to bear upon issues. Especially chronic issues that have not been resolved thru individual depts.

B. The critical importance of having at least one fire extinguisher, and knowing how to use it. SOS (survivalproducts.com) has ongoing free classes covering this, FRS radios, Pet Safety, and other topics, check online schedule of upcoming classes or obtain recent flyer.

After a significant “event”, earthquake, rain storm, solar storm, anything that results in prolonged power disruption, the likely means of obtaining information will be direct word of mouth or radios. The FRS (Family Radio Service) radios are an excellent inexpensive short range means of communication. Battery powered, can be charged from a solar panel, etc.

7. Hot Topic: video surveillance camera
There are too many cases to count where folks purchase & install a video security system AFTER a crime has occurred. We reviewed several systems, including related products from Drop Cam & GoPro
We helped install a Lorex 4 camera system, from Lorex, hard wired, at our Treasurer’s residence. He described the process and results, and showed the video feeds on his phone while at this meeting. This is a DIY project for most folks, total cost under \$300, with excellent low light level capability, and very easy ability to offload recorded images of interest.

8.Meeting adjourned at 920 PM

