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**Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda (Virtual)**

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

6:30 pm

**Zoom Webinar ID: 842 7040 8817**

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In conformity with the September 16, 2021 enactment of California Assembly Bill 361 (Rivas) and due to concerns over Covid-19, the Sherman Oaks Neighborhood Council's Public Safety Committee meetings will be conducted entirely with a Call-In option or Internet-Based Service option until further notice.

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*We are an advisory body to the City of Los Angeles, comprised of stakeholder volunteers who are devoted to the mission of improving our communities.*

## AGENDA

**1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order** - Christy Adair, Chair

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

**3. Introductions** - Committee members, elected officials and staff.

**4. LAPD Communications Division Community Relations Unit Presentation**

The LAPD Communications Division are the *first, 1<sup>st</sup> Responders*. They are on the other end of the phone when you call 911 or LAPD non-emergency dispatch (1-877-ASK-LAPD); they are responsible for dispatching Officers to your call.

Discussion Topics Include:

- What happens when you call 911?
- Why do they ask for your information?
- Are the calls confidential?
- Calling 911 – what constitutes an **emergency**?
- Calling the **non-emergency** phone line – what are examples of non-emergencies?
- How does **texting to 911** work?
- Why is it important to report crime and suspicious activity?

Instagram: [@911lapd](#)

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**5. Covid-19 Crisis Update** – Jesse Smith

**6. Social Media Safety** – Barbara McDermott

**7. No-Burn Season November 1 through February 28** – South Coast AQMD is providing several resources to increase public awareness about No-Burn Days - Christy Adair

- **E-Mail Notification Program** - Sign up to receive [Air Alerts](#) on air quality and to be notified when a mandatory No-Burn alert has been issued for your neighborhood.
- **Check Before You Burn Map** - Visit the [Check Before You Burn map](#) on our website for daily forecast information.
- **Toll-Free Phone Number** - 866-966-3293 for daily Check Before You Burn
- **Mobile App** - Download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) to check local air quality and receive notifications when No-Burn Days are called.

**8. Sherman Oaks Senior Lead Officer Update** – Barbara McDermott

- To learn about or join a Neighborhood Watch in your area or to start a Neighborhood Watch group if one doesn't exist, contact your local Senior Lead Officer (“SLO”).
- To find your SLO, go to <https://www.lapdonline.org/>, then "Your LAPD" and "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.

**Current Topics:** package thefts, safety while shopping, empty boxes in trash advertising purchased items

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

**10. Committee Response** to Public Comment

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

- a) Motion to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2021 Public Safety Meeting.
- b) Motion to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2021 Public Safety Meeting.

**12. Final Business and Announcements**

- a. Committee Business
- b. Ideas for Committee to Address in Sherman Oaks

**13. Adjourn**

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- 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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**Weekly Sunday Morning Lake Balboa Amateur Radio Net:** Every Sunday at 9:00am to 10:00am on Simplex 145.570. This is a weekly simplex 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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