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**Public Safety Committee Meeting Agenda**  
**Tuesday, October 10, 2023 @ 6:30pm**

**In Person Meeting location:**  
**Sherman Oaks Martin Pollard Public Library:**  
**14245 Moorpark St.,**  
**Sherman Oaks, CA. 91423**

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**AGENDA**

**1. The Public Safety Committee (“PSC”) Call to Order – Susan Collins, Chair**

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

**3. Action Item:**

**[Approval of Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes from Aug. 8, 2023 PSC Meeting](#)**

**4. Introductions & City Updates – Committee, City Officials and Staff**

**5. Sherman Oaks Senior Lead Officer (SLO) Updates:**

- a. Officer Romo will provide current crime data / trends in her area (see map for coverage area)
- b. Officer Saldana will provide current crime data / trends in his area (see map for coverage area)
- c. **Questions from the public for the SLOs:**  
Questions from the are limited to 2 minutes per speaker. Please refrain from cross talk during this time.

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

**7. Action Items for discussion and committee vote: (A, B, and C are rolled over from last month due to no quorum): Presented by Penny Gilbert**

- a. Discussions and vote to not require SLOs to attend PSC meetings for updates
- b. Discussion and vote on use of Hybrid options
- c. Discussion and vote on return to guest speakers and drawing residents to meetings

**8. Neighborhood Watch: Presentation by Barbara McDermott**

What exactly is Neighborhood Watch? How to get started and how to be successful in making your neighborhood safer.

**9. “But Did You Call?”: Presented by Barbara McDermott:**

**10. LAFD / CERT Updates: Presented by Christy Adair**

**11. Final Committee Business and Announcements:** \*Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:**

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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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- For **LAPD volunteer opportunities**, contact Officer Jason Jimenez in the Community Relations Office at [38903@lapd.online](mailto:38903@lapd.online), or call (818) 374-5420.

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**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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