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**Public Safety Committee
Meeting Agenda via Zoom**

DATE: July 14, 2026

TIME: 6:30pm

Zoom Webinar ID: 85302495289

Online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85302495289>

Phone: 1-669-900-6833, Webinar ID: 85302495289

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IN CONFORMITY WITH THE JANUARY 1, 2026 ENACTMENT OF CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL 707 (DURAZO) AND LA CITY COUNCIL FILE 23-1114, THE SHERMAN OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL, PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING WILL BE CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY.

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In the event of a disruption that prevents the eligible legislative body from broadcasting the meeting to members of the public using the call-in option or internet-based service option, or in the event of a disruption within the eligible legislative body's control that prevents members of the public from offering public comments using the call-in option or internet-based service option, the eligible legislative body shall take no further action on items appearing on the meeting agenda until public access to the meeting via the call-in option or internet-based service option is restored. Actions taken on agenda items during a disruption that prevents the eligible

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The 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. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(4).**

Notwithstanding Section 54953.3, an individual desiring to provide public comment through the use of an internet website, or other online platform, not under the control of the eligible legislative body, that requires registration to log in to a teleconference may be required to register as required by the third-party internet website or online platform to participate. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(5),**

A legislative body that provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to paragraph (5), to provide public comment until that time public comment period has elapsed. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(A),**

A legislative body that does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to paragraph (5), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment. **California Government Code Section 54953.8(b)(6(B)).**

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL:

1. Call to Order by Presiding Officer
2. Roll Call

2. ADMINISTRATIVE MOTIONS:

Approval of the Minutes of the SONC Public Safety Committee meetings held on June 9, 2026

3. INTRODUCTIONS & CITY UPDATES: Committee, City Officials & Staff

4. SHERMAN OAKS CRIME DATA UPDATE & UPCOMING LAPD / LAFD EVENTS:

4a. See LAPD Crime stats attached as “Supporting Documents”

4b. Coffee with a Cop Event: Thurs. July 30, 2026, from 10:00am – 11:00am at Starbucks 7040 Sepulveda Blvd. Van Nuys, 91405 (see attached flyer)

4c. LAPD National Night Out! – Tuesday, August 4, 2026, from 5:00 – 7:00pm
6240 Sylmar Ave, Van Nuys, CA 91401

Join community members and get to know the LAPD officers who serve our neighborhoods. Learn crime prevention tips, Enjoy Giveaways, Refreshments, and Family Friendly Activities. (see attached flyer)

4d. Tickets on sale now for **Cops and Cowboys 2026 Event:** Saturday, September 19th, 2026, at 5:00pm at the Leonis Adobe Museum in Calabasas. (see attached flyer)

**4e. Second Annual Firefighter Appreciation Breakfast –
Saluting Our Firefighting Heroes: Breakfast with the Brave.**

Saturday, August 22, 2026 - 9:00–11:30 AM

Van Nuys Fire Station 39, 14615 Oxnard Street, Van Nuys
(see attached flyer)

5. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

6. COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENT:

7. C.E.R.T. REPORT - Christy Adair

7a. Review and Discuss Motion to support council file: [26-0906-S4 \(CFMS\)](#) proposed by Ysabel Jurado, which states:

“Given the existing CERT program and the important role Neighborhood Councils play in supporting their communities during emergencies, the City should evaluate the feasibility of establishing a standardized CERT certification requirement for a majority of Neighborhood Council board members.”

“I THEREFORE MOVE that City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Neighborhood Empowerment, with assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), to provide a report with recommendations to require the majority of all Neighborhood Council board members to obtain and maintain certification with LAFD’s CERT Program, including implementation options, timelines, costs, exemptions, and renewal requirements. The department should consider more accessible training opportunities, such as providing the CERT Program remotely”

7b. Congratulations to the recent graduates of the C.E.R.T. Program. This is an important class that prepares community members to be temporary first responders in the event of a natural disaster or emergency event. We’re fortunate to have this training available and thank you to everyone for participating. Special note: SONC Public Safety committee member Penny Johnson was among the graduating class.

8. Final Committee Business and Announcements - Emergency or timely items since the posting of the agenda

9. ADJOURNMENT:

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