

Topanga CPAB Meeting  
September 7, 2011  
21501 Schoenborn Street  
Canoga Park, CA. 91304

- I. Greeting/Social Time
- II. 1830 Hours – Meeting called to order
- III. Pledge of Allegiance – All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Tess Reyes.
- IV. Saif Mogri requested the approval of the August meeting minutes. One change to the minutes was made; Norma instead of Marilyn had described the Canoga National Night Out block party. The minutes were approved unanimously with this change.
- V. Captain Brascia spoke briefly regarding crime. He mentioned that crime was 11% below last year. Theft was the only crime category where Topanga did not meet the goals. However, to try and reduce that, they have increased the patrols in the Topanga Mall to reduce shoplifting. A thief tracker device is being used to share information between stores.

Crime has increased in Woodland Hills, south of Ventura Blvd. They are watching the cars that exit off the freeway. The Captain emphasized the importance of Neighborhood Watch Program to reduce crime and the police are working in conjunction with private security firms and the local neighborhood watch programs. Captain Rodriguez explained the meaning of Constitutional Policing, that is, “Enforcing the law without breaking the law”. Constitutional Policing is mandated and the Captain and his officers take it very seriously to ensure compliance.

- VI. Officer Todd Jaron discussed some of the upcoming events in the Topanga Area:
  - Children’s Day on September 17, 2011. This is to honor the children.
  - Grateful Hearts on October 6, 2011. Topanga Police Station and Los Angeles Fire Department will be in attendance and it is a fun food faire too.
  - CPAB Summit on October 1, 2011, downtown.
  - Topanga Town Hall meeting on October 13, 2011.
  - Topanga Golf Tournament on October 17, 2011. This is the first Topanga Tournament and sponsors and golfers are welcome.
- VI. Co-Chair Siena Cawelti mentioned the School Supply Drive. It is for kids who cannot afford to buy the necessary school supplies. She also spoke about the 9/11 ceremonies at City Hall on September 9, 2011. Susan Klenner sent an email regarding the Orange Line to get to downtown and Gail Cane had sent an email regarding flying the flag. Siena stated there is a ceremony at the Warner Center Park on 9/11 between the hours of 5:00 and 8:30 PM.

Siena talked about the CPAB Summit. This year it will be centralized; there will be displays about terrorism, and protecting one’s neighborhood. LAPD HAZMAT unit will display their functions. Ringo, the only police dog that can sniff out chemical and biological weapons, will be present. Siena encouraged everyone to come out to the Summit.

## VII. Committee Updates

- a. **NIXLE Outreach:** The members are Bob Basch, Agnes Adlhoch, Miguel Fernandez and Marilyn Williams. On September 14<sup>th</sup> the GM's of the 10 largest box stores have been invited to the Station and Captain Brascia will give a presentation on NIXLE. He will request the GM's to help pay to print 50,000 flyers and to pass them out to the stores.
- b. **Media Contacts:** The team members are Susan Klenner, Gail and Andy Carter. The Carter's are continuing to assemble a spreadsheet on school contacts. They have been more successful working with PTA's rather than the school administrators. Susan contacted several large businesses. Costco will allow us to put information on their bulletin boards in the break room. There was no response from Time Warner and Susan plans to visit them with an officer. She will also approach Lowe's.
- c. **Information Flyer:** The team members are Gail Cane, Mark Bernsley and Ruthy Roth. They put together a flyer that can be distributed with a list of important information and phone numbers. LA County Sheriff has business card with all the important numbers listed. One suggestion is to produce a refrigerator magnet.

As a side note, Mark mentioned that he is running for Judge in the LA County Superior Court. Congratulations to Mark!

VIII. The next CPAB meeting is scheduled for October 5, 2011.