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WEST HILLS NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

JOINT PUBLIC SAFETY and EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE/BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2017

Chaminade High School, West Hills CA

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Those in attendance were: Bob Brostoff, Tony Brosamle, Simone Best, Tom Booth (arrived 7:28 pm), Tony Brosamle, Steve Kallen, Steve Randall, Alec Uzemeck (arrived 7:20 pm), and Brad Vanderhoof. Guests from MySafe:LA; Harout Harry Semerdjian and Cameron Barrett (arrived 6:42 pm)

Committee Co-chair Tony Brosamle called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. A quorum was established.

There were no public comments.

The minutes of the September committee meeting were not available.

New Business -- Numbers refer to agenda items:

2. "Truth or Rumor" Forums: Tony and Bob reviewed the forum with CSUN faculty from the Department of Criminology and Justice Studies. Fern White broadcast the event live using her cell phone. The event was on a Facebook channel and viewers could respond and comment with Facebook messages. The footage is still available on the West Hills / Woodland Hills Crimebusters Facebook page with the real-time commentary. The sound quality varied widely during the broadcast. Tony stated the promotion for the event was insufficient. Steve Kallen stated he first heard of the forum about 72 hours before the event. Brad reviewed the feedback he received from attendees as they exited the venue. Steve Randall suggested having the moderator ask a series of prepared questions. There was some general agreement that Homelessness would be a good topic for a future forum. Brad suggested maybe the title "Truth and Rumor" should be changed for subsequent forums.
1. Presentation by MySafe:LA: Cameron and Harout from MySafe:LA introduced themselves and showed a short video describing their organization. MySafe:LA programs include; Junior Fire Inspectors – a series of three one-hour presentations to fourth and fifth graders, Older Adults – fire and quake smart education, CPR in High Schools – to meet state requirements, Smoke Alarm Canvassing – fire safety education and installation of free smoke detectors, and Community Safety Events. Cameron explained how MySafe:LA, a California non- profit public benefit corporation, is funded; and said they are looking for a grant from the WHNC. Tony asked if there is an online presence WHNC can promote. Bob invited MySafe:LA to exhibit at Springfest. Cameron described recent MySafe:LA activity in and around West Hills.
3. Neighborhood Watch Signs: There were no applicants present at the meeting.
4. Valley Emergency Preparedness Fair: tabled to November
5. Disaster Preparedness: Steve Kallen stated there needs to be a better organization of information and resources available before contacting stakeholders.

Committee Co-chair Tony Brosamle adjourned the meeting at 7:45 PM.

The next meeting of this committee will be held: Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 6:30 PM, Chaminade High School Condon Center, second floor conference room.