

SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING MINUTES

Call to order by Marilyn Krell, who welcomed everyone. She thanked Debbie Simmons for arranging us to again have our meeting at the beautiful Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist auditorium. She also thanked Ralphs for donating refreshments.

Jackie Raymond announced that she, Marilyn Krell, and Barbara Goldenberg met with School Board member Steve Zimmer regarding the community's desire to have all children in South Brentwood attend Brentwood Science Magnet School *by right*. He seemed very receptive to changing the present policy where South Brentwood children (except kindergarteners) now have to apply for admittance.

Elyse Arbour explained the new membership dues: Single family \$35.00, Senior over 65 \$25.00; Condo with less than 16 units \$50.00; Condo with 16 or more units \$75.00. Our association's goal is to have more members from apartments and condos.

1st Speaker: Senior Lead Officer Phillip Enbody

Passed out a six page "Basic Car 8A13 Information Packet"

Crime is down 19% in our area largely due to neighborhood involvement.

Officer Enbody encouraged us to have Block Captains. At a minimum, be sure you have contact information for people who live next to you, across and behind you in case of emergency. There are 17 square miles covered by only 7 basic police cars.

Primary problem in South Brentwood is items being stolen from automobiles.

Usually the crime in this area is committed by people who live outside the area.

2nd Speaker: Dennis Hinman, Retired Senior Lead Officer, member of BCC and SBRA.

Alertcommunity.com, is a website for reporting "unusual activity"

in your neighborhood. This information automatically goes into a database

and is accessible by police who check it once a week. The site is not for reporting emergencies. If possible, get a car license number if you observe something suspicious.

3rd Speaker: Mike Stajura, PhD candidate at UCLA, who studies community-based disaster preparedness in the School of Public Health. Mike is also a coordinator for the Los Angeles Community Emergency Response team (CERT), a volunteer group administered by the LAFD. Mike has regular meetings with interested community volunteers.

Mike gave an excellent Power Point Presentation and reviewed earthquake do's and do not's with us. He emphasized the importance of having enough water...1 gallon/day for each person. He also reminded us that we need to know how to shut off our utilities and have a first aid kit, medication & basic tools available. He said we should drop, cover and hold during an earthquake and reminded us to be sure to have a family meeting place and a phone contact person out of town. He announced that "Shake Out, an earthquake drill, will take place at 10:15 am on Oct. 15th and circulated Red Cross information.

4th Speaker: Gregory Randall, L.A. Officer, Wildlife Specialist. Officer Randall is the only wildlife officer in the entire city of Los Angeles.

The LA area has from 4 - 7 thousand coyotes. We are compressing their habitat. Because humans are feeding them, coyotes are unafraid to approach people and will return to areas where they find food. Killing coyotes doesn't work. To keep coyotes out of your yard, don't leave pet food or water outside or leave small pets outside unattended. It is important to frighten coyotes away by making noises.

In the USA 150 people are killed by deer each year; 300 people a year are killed by a dog. Officer Randall passed out informational papers and had a beautiful display of wild animals in our area.

Officer Randall was interviewed on Warren Olney's Which Way LA on KCRW radio regarding the recent Griffith Park coyote bite and subsequent killing of seven coyotes. The informational interview can be heard online.

Respectfully submitted
Lynne Babbitt

Attendance:

12 SBRA members and family

12 Members of the public

4 Speakers