

**SOUTH BRENTWOOD RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING      THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012    7:00 pm**  
**Tenth Church of Christ, Scientist Auditorium**

SBRA Chair, Marylin Krell, thanked Debbie Simmons for the use of the auditorium for the community meeting and asked everyone to sign the attendance form in the entrance lobby. She also thanked everyone for the generous contributions to the residents affected by the Gorham fire. She introduced Brentwood Senior Lead Officer Philip Enbody and said his presentation would be followed by an Emergency Preparedness presentation by BCC Safety Representative, Raymond Klein.

Officer Enbody reviewed the year's crime activity and reported there were 517 crimes in 2010 and 610 in 2011 which was an 18% increase. The biggest problem is burglary which had increased 133% in 2011. He said there were 39 burglaries in 2011 in South Brentwood's territory from Westgate to Santa Monica and 26<sup>th</sup> Street and south of San Vicente to Wilshire. Access was gained through unlocked doors and windows; some were pried open, some were smashed or the door was forced by pushing and/or kicking. When the alarm was switched on, 90% of burglars left and moved onto an easier target. Officer Enbody said the single best precaution to take was to:

- SWITCH ON YOUR ALARM IF YOU HAVE ONE
- Be sure all locks are operational and lock your doors and windows
- Have back up devices in the event your alarm fails
- Dogs are a deterrent
- Install exterior lights that go on at dark and off at dusk, sensor lights.
- Close your draperies, put lights on, play TV or music.

He discussed recent burglaries and arrests and how WLAPD is tackling the problem. Most are occurring around the 12000 block of Dorothy and the 1100 block of Wellesley. Out of the 39 burglaries, 14 were condominiums. No weapons were used apart from equipment to pry open doors/windows.

Private security companies are also effective. A private security company representative was present and said he would meet with residents after the meeting. Officer Enbody said that crime decreases when LAPD patrol cars are present. He described the Crime Control Meetings they have and how they deploy their resources. They analyze the crimes and he described how they use the information from other geographic areas to determine patterns. Undercover detectives and narcotics detectives are also on patrol. The police use an equation process to determine how many cars and officers they need to deploy to specific areas based on the analysis of the activity. Usually they have one basic car patrolling Brentwood; they have increased this to three or four cars.

Most burglaries occur during the day. Burglaries that happen at night are usually when the occupants are not home. The burglar(s) check to see if anyone is home before entering. Officer Enbody also discussed the early release program and that burglars tend to return to the area they previously frequented. Currently, fingerprints obtained at the scene can take 6-8 months to process.

He did not recommend using firearms if confronted by a burglar. Officer Enbody discussed how to report suspicious activity. He said it was important for residents to be observant. He distributed a handout with telephone numbers and website addresses. He explained how to report suspicious (non-emergency) activity to [www.alertcommunity.com](http://www.alertcommunity.com).

Construction sites are also targets.

He responded to questions regarding response time to calls for assistance. House alarm calls are prioritized with panic calls at the top of the list; 98.6% of house alarms are false. Officer Enbody discussed the value of Neighborhood Watches. Neighbors exchange information such as phone numbers and when they will be gone on vacation. The most effective Neighborhood Watches are those that are constantly communicating. Email trees are very effective and Officer Enbody suggested adding his name to your list so he is aware of what is going on in your area. Signs indicating an area has a neighborhood watch program might be a deterrent. Neighborhood watches can be a very useful communication tool not just for crime/burglaries but also for disasters and emergencies. He encouraged residents to set up a meeting and he and Ray Klein would make a presentation on how to set up a neighborhood watch program.

The most common items stolen in house burglaries are cash and jewelry. The description of the perpetrators covers a wide range of physical appearances. Officer Enbody issues a weekly Crime Report of the Brentwood area; email him at [24914@lapd.lacity.org](mailto:24914@lapd.lacity.org) to be added to his list. Stolen goods are 'fenced' or sold on EBay.

An audience member thanked Officer Enbody and the WLAPD for their assistance during the recent Gorham fire.

Officer Enbody then introduced Raymond Klein who made an Emergency Preparedness and Neighborhood Watch presentation.

Raymond Klein, Brentwood Community Council (BCC) Safety Representative, discussed Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). This training program is presented by the Fire Department and the next two 7-week sessions are starting next week. There are two West LA classes. Preregistration is not required. One is at Fire Station 59 (Olympic Blvd and Butler Ave) on Wednesday nights from 7:00-9:30 pm. Contact: Firefighter Mason 818-756-9674. The other is at UCLA on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:30 am. Contact: Firefighter Butler 818-756-9674.

Ray discussed emergency items to have in preparation for a disaster/earthquake. See FEMA's website or California's Shakeout website for a checklist. You need at least 3 days' supply, especially water. Keep an emergency kit in your home, car, and office. Flashlights are better than candles due to potential gas leaks.

Ray recommended organizing a Neighborhood Watch program and distributed a Neighborhood Watch invitation – it takes only one person to initiate it for their block. He suggested getting on SBRA's email list for information and schedules for CERT classes, or go to [www.cert-la.com](http://www.cert-la.com) for schedules. He also distributed flyers regarding check lists for emergency supplies to have on hand.

Marylin Krell added that you can sign up for email notices at the BCC website: [www.brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org](http://www.brentwoodcommunitycouncil.org). There are 10 email lists to choose from and you can select only the ones that interest you. Marylin reminded everyone of the SBRA Annual General Meeting at this same location on March 22, 2012. Reception and displays begin at 6:00 pm followed by the meeting at 7:00 pm. The firefighters will be attending and it will be an opportunity to thank them. She thanked Officer Enbody and Raymond Klein for their presentations and this concluded the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
Roz Gamble, SBRA Secretary