

MINUTES

CITY OF SAN DIMAS
 PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION
 TUESDAY MAY 15, 2012 5:30 PM
 SAN DIMAS CITY HALL
 245 EAST BONITA AVENUE
 SAN DIMAS, CA

ATTENDANCE:

Members:

Staff/City Representatives - Guests:

Karol Curtis	Mayor Curt Morris
Alan Nash, Chair	Councilmember Emmett Badar
Ted Ross	City Manager Blaine Michaelis
Randy Alva	Don Slawson, Captain SD Station
Norm Wiles	Chris Mackenzie, Sheriff's Station
Fred Ortiz	
Jim McCants, Vice Chair	
Patrick Jones	
Dawna Marshall	
Roger Therien – excused	
Cheryl Avelar	
Charles McGown	

- I. Welcome and Call to Order
 Meeting called to order by Chair Nash at 5:30 pm.
- II. Business from the public not on the agenda – none
- III. Approval of the March 20, 2012 Minutes – Commissioners absent from the meeting abstained from the approval.
- IV. Presentation regarding Crime Prevention practices.

Chris Mackenzie introduced herself and explained her roles and functions in the Sheriff's Department. She noted the city's support for her activities and responsibilities. She explained her approach with Neighborhood Watch – to encourage neighbors to be acquainted and then helpful to each other – to be more aware of ways they can help their neighbors and watch out for each other. To also feel comfortable to call the Sheriff's Department when there are suspicious circumstances. There are 68 block captains with 2,728 participants. Chris noted that crime statistics are available on line to see what the calls for service are in any portion of LA County at www.crimereports.com

Chris also summarized her role and interest in Emergency Preparedness – training and public awareness. She explained that the Emergency Operations Center is located in the Sheriff's Station community room. Half of the room is for the city's operation, the other half houses the Sheriff's Department emergency function.

Chris also operates the Business Watch program. Senior Volunteers on Patrol contact businesses and collect contact information which Chris uses to send out crime prevention by e-mail. There are currently 356 businesses enrolled in the program. Chris also explained her work with the Volunteers on Patrol – there are currently 28 serving in and outside of the station. Chris explained the work of the Sheriff's Boosters organization as

well – they complete fundraising activities to support volunteer and sworn personnel. They do vacation checks for residents.

Chris also summarized the National Night Out event to be held August 7th.

V. Reports from Staff

City Manager Michaelis provided a report on development activities, post office proposal to locate to a rented facility in San Dimas; and a report on the dissolution of Redevelopment and the impact on the city's budget.

Captain Slawson provided a report on crime trends, and reviewed some recent cases.

VI. Reports from Commissioners

Commissioner Alva noted the wildland fire scrimmage – a cooperative preparation/training effort between the Fire and Sheriff's Department.

VII. Adjournment 6:52 pm – next meeting of the Commission July 17, 2012 on the Liability Trust Fund.