

**Safety Committee Meeting Minutes**

May 17, 2007

NV City Hall (formerly ST Municipal Building)

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7747 Foothill Boulevard

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1. Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm by Allan Rodriguez, with nine (9) in attendance, including Officers Rumenapp and Walta and Denis Yamamoto, VSTVP.
2. Old Business
  - a) **FABA Car Show** on June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Hanson Dam with proceeds (entrance fee) to be used for the LAPD Foothill Division. This the same day as the helicopter show that is also held at Hanson Dam and the date of the FABA Car Show has been confirmed. Event planners are requesting assistance in promoting the event. *No update on assistance required.*
  - b) **710-freeway completion and impact on ST.** No update from Nina.
  - c) **High School Safety Issues:** Ray contacted Lead Officer Frank Avila, who will to speak with the school.
  - d) **Junior Police Advisory Board:** Nina has no update.
  - e) **Valmont and Tujunga Canyon Potholes:** No update but potholes have been filled per Mark.
  - f) **Skateboard and Bike Unsafe Practices:** Nina has no update.
  - g) **Volunteer Surveillance Team Equipment Needs:** VST is a 501(c)(3) organization and will own all equipment purchased. The list was distributed for review. This would be a joint donation by five (5) neighborhood councils. Sun Valley (\$7,100), Pacoima (\$7,100) and Foothill Trails (\$7,500) have already donated. Arleta (\$7,100) plans to donate but the last meeting did not have a quorum. STNC Safety Committee budget is \$10,000.  
VST information – 649 VST donated hours since 01/01/07. At \$29.00/hour (average police officer cost), donated hours equates to saving \$155,000 in police officers' time. Addresses qualify of life issues: truancy, curfew, drugs, gangs, etc. (ex: VHHS truancy watch resulted in 17 citations and marked drop in related nuisance crimes.) Devonshire Division reports that once these areas are addressed, minor crimes drop dramatically. 60% of time has been spent in ST area. VST website in progress: foothillvst.org.  
Safety Committee voted to donate \$5,000 and Allan will take recommendation to STNC for board vote. Will request confirmation and allocation to items on list and donation will not be unallocated dollar donation. (FYI: vehicle maintenance, gas and insurance costs will be handled by LAPD.) Committee may also pursue possible additional donations by entities that reap benefits of the surveillance.

**b) Lady of Lourdes Safety Fair:** Possible opportunity to assist, co-chair, have booth, etc. (one or more options). Paul to check this weekend with the May fair's organizations. Specific information needed at this time: 1) fees needed and 2) deadline to confirm.

4. Meeting closed at 8:00 p.m.