



Neighborhood Council of Westchester/Playa Committee Report – MARCH 2009

Committee: Public Safety

Committee chairperson: Cyndi Hench

Meeting date: 4th Monday of the month at 6:30pm

Mission: To increase community involvement to reduce opportunities for crime, to help prepare for the uncertainty of natural events and address other public safety issues throughout the community.

Goals:

- Address issues regarding Public Safety and Crime Prevention.
- Partner with local agencies (e.g., LAPD, LAFD and LA City Services) to stay informed about latest news about crime and conditions in our area.
- Promote Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch Programs in order to improve community crime prevention efforts, increase community involvement and grow the general sense of community.
- Organize public safety related events for the community.

Monthly report:

In 2009, the Public Safety committee will be organize at least 4 community meetings/events which will focus on the following:

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – 2 – 7 week classes will be organized by the committee –the first in January/February and the second in August/September.
- Self Defense for Women – this 5 week course will be held in March. The first session is a FREE 1.5 hour introductory session for women. The introductory class will be followed by 4 – 2 hour weekly classes that will be offered to the first 12 women who sign up. The cost is \$125 per person and is taught by a professional in martial arts and self defense.
- Identity Theft prevention
- CERT refresher courses for graduates of the CERT program

CERT class will begin on August 26, 2009 at 7pm – 9:30pm at Fire Station 5. Sign up through email to wprnw@yahoo.com

The Self Defense class will complete on April 9. This has been an outstanding learning experience. We had 6 women participate. On April 20, we will run a Free Introductory class for women, recognizing

April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. The meeting will be in the Westchester Community Room at 7pm on April 20. For WOMEN ONLY.

Crime update:

Our community continues to experience a high number of Burglaries from Motor Vehicles. In many instances, the stolen items are valuables that have been left in plain sight. Prime targets for theft are iPods, GPS navigation units, laptop computers, even purses and wallets.

Vehicles need to be locked and all items removed so that the bad guys do not smash your windows!