

Public Safety Committee
May 20, 2008 Minutes

- 1) Call to order: Frank Auwarter called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Those in attendance: Frank Auwater, Andrea Thomas Brandy Luscalzo-Stemen, Robin Kaufman, Ralph Parris, Pat White, Guest Jim Denton, Jr.
- 2) Approval of the April minutes: due to lack of quorum, no minutes were taken in April.
- 3) Frank Auwarter introduced himself as the newly appointed Chair of the committee. As such, he deemed this meeting to be an organizational meeting, receiving input from all in attendance as to what they would like to see the PSC focus on in the coming year:
 - Robin Kaufman gave background information on the fire safe council of San Diego County (www.firesafesdcounty.org), suggesting the PSC initiate such a council for our community. Many communities impacted by the Cedar fires as well as the recent October fires have set up such a council. Robin went on to suggest that a member of one of the Scripps fire safe councils attend our next meeting and give first hand information on the group's function.
 - Pat White suggested we get involved in educating the community on the 20 gallon challenge to conserve water as it is becoming a precious commodity. Pat went on to say for no other reason, we need to conserve water in the event it is needed in future fires as we approach a very dangerous fire season.
 - Frank Auwarter agreed with Pat regarding educating the community on water conservation tips.
 - Guest ~ Jim Denton, Jr., was asked to attend our meeting by his HOA which is located in Bernardo Heights. He wanted to learn more about Neighborhood Watch, reverse 911, etc.
 - Pat White, representative from Neighborhood Watch, responded with various handouts she uses for Neighborhood Watch training sessions. These handouts contain valuable information such as an organizational chart in terms of where Neighborhood Watch falls in the event of a disaster. A relationship has recently been established with CERT so that Gary Carlson, Neighborhood Watch Director, will be contacted by our District CERT leader so they can assist in dispatching valuable information to residents.
 - Pat White also explained the levels of Neighborhood Watch and the function of each level: Director, District Coordinators, Area Coordinators and Block Captains. For more information, residents can visit their newly formed web site at: www.rbnhw.com.
 - Ralph Parris is now focusing on Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training since the Emergency Preparedness Program was deemed an illegitimate organization and had to disband.
 - Brandy Luscalzo-Stemen suggested that the committee send HOAs valuable safety related information for their newsletters. As Chair of the PR committee, she will work on this suggestion. She also commented upon the San Diego Union Tribunes new section, www.SDBackyard.com, which is user generated content. It is set to launch June 27, at which time, people can share various, valuable information such as any promotional items from the Public Safety Committee.
 - Frank Auwater suggested following up on some comments former Fire Chief Jeff Bowman made at a recent RB Community Council meeting regarding County

Supervisors lack of financial support for fire safety issues. Frank Auwarter will be contacting Supervisor Pam Slater-Price, asking what the Supervisors are doing since the fires to help prevent it from occurring again. Robin Kaufman mentioned the Fire Survivors network group which she belongs to has set up a meeting with several County Supervisors to review some specific requests the first week of June.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectively submitted by Robin Kaufman