



Mar Vista Community Council



Committee on Public Safety Minutes

Tuesday, June 27, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at
The Windward School (Conference Room 1030)
11350 Palms Blvd.
Los Angeles, CA 90066

Co Chairs: Bill Koontz and Elliot Hanna
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- **Call to Order**
The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m.
- **Brief Introductions**
- **Public Comment and announcements**
None
- **Review and approval of minutes**
The minutes from 4/25/2017 were approved by unanimous vote.
- **Action Items and motions:**
- **New Business**
 - **Guest speakers**
 - *Robyn Salazar, Burglary Detective Supervisor, Los Angeles Police Department –*

Detective Robyn Salazar is a nearly twenty one-year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. She began as a patrol officer in 1996. Four years later, she became a field training officer. After working in that capacity for five years, she was promoted to detective where she worked homicide cases for five years. After that, she became a night-watch detective supervisor before becoming the Burglary Table Supervisor where she's assigned today.

[Detective Salazar was unable to attend due to a death in her family. The committee extends its deepest sympathies. She'll be re-scheduled to another time.](#)
 - *Lee Versoza & Christine Reins-Jarin, Inspectors, United States Postal Inspection Service –*

Lee Versoza and Christine Reins-Jarin are eleven and five-year veterans, respectively, of the United States Postal Inspection Service. Postal Inspectors investigate crimes against the United States Postal Service and crimes related to the misuse and attack of the mail system, including theft of United

States Mail, fraud, and related activity in connection with access devices (including credit and debit cards), identity theft, and unauthorized use of other persons' information for financial gain. Inspectors Versoza and Reins-Jarin have both been involved in numerous investigations of mail theft, identity theft, robberies, burglaries, assaults, mail fraud, bank fraud, and illegal drugs in the mail.

- Inspectors Versoza and Reins-Jarin were joined by a colleague, Inspector Dag Abebe.
- The Postal Service is in the process of testing new anti-phishing mailboxes in the hope of reducing that form of mail theft.
- The Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) has jurisdiction over external mail theft - that committed by other than postal employees. Internal mail theft, that committed by postal employees, is under the jurisdiction of the Postal Service Office of the Inspector General (USPSOIG). USPSOIG can be contacted at (703) 248-2100 or by e-mailing the hotline at hotline@uspsoig.gov.
- Any theft of mail should be reported to both L.A.P.D. and the Postal Inspection Service. USPIS can be contacted at (877) 876-2455 or online at <https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov>.
- We were reminded to always use gel pens for writing checks as that prevents them from being washed.
- Additional tips were provided for avoiding identity theft -\
 - Check your credit annually at <http://www.annualcreditreport.com>, (888) 382-1222
 - Only provide you Social Security Number when absolutely necessary
 - Shred unwanted documents such as credit-card, applications, statements, or anything else containing personal information.
 - Don't provide account numbers on a web site unless that site offers secure or encrypted transactions. Check for a lock icon in the browser window and that the beginning of the URL changes from "http://..." to <https://...>
 - Use passwords that consist of a combination of 10 to 12 letters, numbers, and symbols.
 - Don't leave mail in your mailbox overnight.
 - Beware of phishing. Legitimate organizations will never request personal information through texts, pop-up-messages, or e-mail. In addition, the Internal Revenue Service will never make initial contact other than by U.S. Mail.

- **Future guest presentations –**
 - July, 2017 – Doug Wiita and Alison Berglas, Los Angeles Region, American Red Cross
 - August, 2017 – Sergeant Jason Veiga, Major Crimes Unit, Los Angeles Police Department
 - September, 2017 – Ashley Mikell-Norman, Communications Division, Los Angeles Police Department

- **Old Business**
 - None

- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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