

Mid-Valley Community Police Council Newsletter



October 2005

On October 4, 2005 we held our regular monthly meeting at Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Approximately 40 members and police officers were in attendance.

Barbara Mack, Treasurer reported we have earmarked approximately \$80,000 for furnishings for the police station when the remodeling is completed and \$20,000 for license plate readers for the patrol officers.

This month Van Nuys Community Station and MVCPC honored the Employees of the 3rd Quarter, **Detective III Craig Rhudy**, **Sergeant I Alan Kreitzman** and **Police Officer III Amy Schneider** for their outstanding service to the community. Congratulations and thank you for all you do.

Our speaker was Los Angeles Firefighter Gregory **Cueto**, a member of the **Los Angeles Fire Department's Swift Water Rescue Team** and had just recently returned from New Orleans assisting in the search and rescue efforts. Cueto spoke of his first hand experiences at this

disaster and what we could do to prepare ourselves and families in case of a catastrophic event should strike Los Angeles. *Cueto said to prepare an emergency kit that included, but not limited to, water and food for 3 days, manual can opener, flashlights and extra batteries, thermal blankets, poncho with hood, tissue packs, work gloves, tube tent, water purification tablets (50), dust masks, vinyl gloves, AM/FM radio, battery operated (remember plenty of extra batteries), 12 hour light sticks, nylon cord (50feet), Out of State Contact, gas shut-off wrench, multi function Swiss Army Knife, waterproof matches, candles, sanitation/toilet bags, duct tape, whistle; put all these items in a 5 gallon waterproof container with handle. This is a basic kit and you may expand it to fit your family's needs.*

Remember, have a plan and be sure your entire family knows the plan. **So develop your plan as a family.**

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26th Annual Citizen's Recognition Luncheon

Mid-Valley Community Council proudly held its 26th Annual Citizen's Recognition Luncheon on October 6, 2005, at the Airtel Plaza Hotel and Convention Center. Over 230 people attended the event to honor seven outstanding citizens for their heroic efforts in assisting the police or saving lives.

Mid-Valley Community Police Council President **Peter Satuloff** welcomed everyone and thanked them for their generous support.

Paul Anderson, Event Chairman, introduced **Master of Ceremonies Chris Schauble**, Co-Anchor, NBC4 Morning News, "Today in L.A." Mr. Schauble introduced our **Keynote Speaker, Los Angeles Police 1st Assistant Chief, Chief of Staff, Jim McDonnell**. Chief McDonnell spoke on emergency and disaster preparedness.

Chris Schauble was joined on the stage by **Deputy Chief Michael Moore**, Commanding Officer, Operation Valley Bureau, **Captain Jim Miller**, Commanding Officer, Van Nuys Area and **Peter Satuloff**, Mid-Valley Community Police Council President to present the honorees. Schauble had each honoree come to

the stage to be recognized as he read of their heroic deeds. Each honoree received a standing ovation for their deeds and was presented with Certificates of Appreciation from the Mayor's Office, City Council, City and District Attorney's Office, State Senate and Assembly, as well as many others.

Jorge and Pamela Luna were recognized for their tenacity and courage in pursuing a driver that had struck down a young woman while she was crossing the street, and then fled the scene. Determined not to allow the hit and run driver to make good his escape, Jorge and Pamela pursued the vehicle through the streets of the Valley until they were able to obtain the vehicle's license number. They immediately reported the information to the police. After receiving the vehicle information a police unit spotted the vehicle and was able to affect an arrest. The accident victim is still on life support and may never fully recover.

David Kapner was driving on Laurel Canyon when he observed a mudslide crash into a house. David heard a person yelling that their family was in that house. Without hesitation David waded through knee deep mud and made his way into the house. He heard cries for help and saw a man desperately trying to keep his young daughter from being consumed by the mud. David courageously made his way to the father and took the little girl.

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Suddenly another wall of mud entered the house burying David to his chest. Keeping the little girl out of harms way, David fought his way out of the house to the waiting arms of approaching Los Angeles City

Firefighters. David was not allowed to return to help the father, but the firefighters were able save the father and his 10 year old son.

Rudy Campa, Jr received a traffic citation from a Los Angeles Police Officer for speeding. After issuing Rudy the citation the police officer observed a motorcycle speeding. The officer went after the motorcyclist. A vehicle suddenly pulled out of a driveway into the path of the police motorcycle officer causing the officer's motorcycle to broadside the vehicle. The officer was thrown from his motorcycle and onto the street. Rudy saw the accident and went to the aid of the officer. The police officer was bleeding profusely from his leg. **Terri Weinandt** and **Clifford Alexander** heard the motorcycle officer's siren and then a loud collision. Clifford immediately called 911 and Terri went to assist Rudy. Rudy was trying to comfort the officer to keep him from going into shock. Terri saw the bleeding was so sever that a tourniquet needed to be applied to save the officer's life. Rudy removed his own belt and Terri was able to drastically slow the bleeding.

Although still not fully recovered from the accident Officer Arturo Ornales was on hand to personally thank Rudy, Terri and Clifford for saving his life. In addition, Rudy was presented with a new belt to replace the one used as a tourniquet.

Paul Labella is a **Reserve** Police Officer for the City of San Fernando. He was working with San Fernando Police Field Training Officer Nicole Hanchett when they heard a broadcast that two boys, ages 10 and 13 had been swept away in the roaring Pacoima Wash. The officers raced to where they thought the boys might pass. Seeing the boys in the water, Paul took a flotation device, climbed over a fence and made his way to the wash. He could see the older boy desperately trying to keep his younger brother's head above the water. Paul tossed the flotation device to the boys, but the boys could not hold on to it. Paul went into the roaring water and attempted to extract the boys, but he himself was swept away. Paul held both boys heads above the water line as they were swept down the wash. Paul was finally able to make his way to a catch basin where he was able to get the boys and himself to safety.

The Van Nuys Community Police Station and the Mid-Valley Community Police Council commend all our heroes for their acts of heroism.

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Special thanks goes out to all who purchased ads in our Program Book and to all that attended the event. Without your support there would be no event, nor would Mid-Valley Community Police Council be able to help those who protect us.

Coming Events:

November 1, 2005 **MVCPC Meeting**

Our regular monthly meeting will be, at 7:45 a.m., at Valley Presbyterian Hospital. Our special guest speaker will be Detective III Dennis Packer, Asset Forfeiture Division, Los Angeles Police Department. Detective Packer will give a Power Point presentation of a very recent 30 million dollar forfeiture arrest. Don't miss this one! See you there.

November 18, 2005 **Officer's Appreciation Day**

National Officer's Appreciation Day is November 18, 2005. Locally, **Van Nuys Community Police Advisory Board (C-PAB)** and **Mid-Valley Community Police Council (MVCPC)** will provide a barbecue to express the community's appreciation for all the dedication, support and hard work by the employees of Van Nuys Community Police Station. The event will be held at the Van Nuys Community Police Station. Anyone wishing to donate food or drinks, or volunteer to help set up and/or serve food, please contact Debbie Klevens, C-PAC Co-Chair, at (818) 704-3511, or email Paul Anderson, at MVCPC@aol.com.

Informative Web Sites

The Los Angeles Police Department
City of Los Angeles
Mid-Valley Chamber of Commerce
Sherman Oaks Chamber of Commerce

www.lapdonline.org
www.lacity.org
www.midvalleychamber.com
www.shermanoakschamber.org

If you have anything that might be of interest to our members, or any questions you would like answered, please email me, mvcpc@aol.com.

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