



7. First Responder's Reports

a. Los Angeles County Fire – **Stephanie English** gave the February report of 51 calls with only one fire of less than \$500 in damages. Mostly emergency call outs and 11 false alarms. The pineapple express may still bring us more rain in March and April. She brought earthquake literature. In an earthquake fire men pull engines out of stations and have identified structures to check. We should all be prepared to be on our own for up to 72 hours.

b. Los Angeles Sheriff – **Captain David Silversparre** has two new sergeants. Eric Kim is a 12 year vet from Walnut who speaks Korean and Randy Tustrum. The Captain reports their drug boxes have collected 166 lbs of medicine but no illicit drugs yet. He presented the February Crime Statistics. Anonymous complaints about infractions can be called into 818 880 5420 and they will talk to person, often resolving the incident. When in doubt call the station. Detective Ray Harley can be reached at 818 236 4009

c. Department of Public Works, Flood Control District Arthur Vander Vis is the engineer for the wet area. They are at the tail end of cleaning out the debris basins with 5 left

Dunsmuir by the park,  
Pickens by the sheriff's station,  
Upper Shields  
Cooks  
Verdugo

Progress can be tracked at their website [dpw.lacounty.gov/care](http://dpw.lacounty.gov/care)

To date they have moved 880k yards of debris with 250k yeds left to go. The soil will be compacted so it won't erode or blow away in the wind. There have been some complaints about the truck drivers . The county rents the trucks through 7 truck brokers and they are certified, bonded and insured. At peak of operation they had 350 trucks doing 250 loads/hour with 10 cubic yards/truck. Ocean View was the only site that had 24 hour operation. The drivers get paid \$65 to \$75 per hour.

Steve Pierce said a truck lost its brakes today on Pennsylvania and ran a red light honking as it did. No one was hurt.

To answer what will happen to boulders they will take them if they come down. The one that caused the damage at Mulally Debris Basin at top of Ocean View is in their district yard.

Yvonne Younger asked why they cant hold the hillside back with mesh as seen on freeways. They said they have 160,000 acres to hold back. There is a boulder at Upper Shields the size of a pickup truck but it won't come down for its too big.

d. CHP – Officer Ming-Yang Hsu said they have to see dump trucks running red light to give them a ticket. They will stop a truck if they see a violation which will put that truck out of service. We have 1 CHP officer for our La Crescenta area in a car but can get others for stings or when needed.  
February statistics had 13 collisions with 1 DUI.

8. Traffic and Safety Issues - CHP Officer Ming-Yang Hsu, Department of Public Works – Tim Babich, and Public Comments/Q&A

a. **Waltonia and Park Place** had 13 collisions in the last 10 years which were reported to the CHP. CHP citations go to county or city where executed not to the CHP funds. The CHP is funded by vehicle registration.

Pedestrian has the right of way unless they are disobeying the law. They must take all safety precautions before crossing. The CHP was thanked for directing traffic at Rosemont on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets were also given at Mt Ave School for cutting the line.

Tim Babich from LA county Public Works announced the speed limit on Park Place which is a residential street will be dropped from 30 MPH to 25 MPH. New signs will go up after the change is approved by the Supervisors and a radar trailer will be used for a couple of weeks to announce the lower speed. Speed bumps are not recommended on a declining grade for they can become a driving hazard. Stop signs are not used for reducing speed but for telling motorists who has the right of way and this is not a right of way issue.

**Liz Langford** had her car totaled on Jan 29<sup>th</sup> at Park Pl and Waltonia. She m cut through her area to save time in the morning. She was nearly hit in cross Florencita.

**Cheryl Kapuler** lives at corner and had a truck totaled. She had to give first aid to the lady who hit her truck. She has seen 5 accidents in 14 months.

Steve pointed out that above 3814 Park Place is the county otherwise its Glendale who needs to be called. Even though 3 cars were hit it was considered one accident.

**Pam Krauskolf** almost got hit at Waltonia and Park Place and spoke of cars getting side swiped. She wants traffic slowed down. While some cities like Tujunga may have speed bumps Tim explained county says speed bumps are more of a danger than a help. He also said there is no camera enforcement in CA for speeders only for running the light. Flashing signs cost \$30k and usually only for schools.

**Julie Buzzelli** asks that they keep researching for a solution. Tim says we need to give the new 25 mph limit some time before other options are considered.

**Bruce Gunnell** saw a vehicle hit on Park Place and says they cut the corner taking short cuts. He feels speed bumps are loud and we need more police presence. He doesn't see children walking in this area.

**Robert Newcombe** told of Mr. Walton laying out a pattern of a rose when he created the area and this intersection is a "Y". If they don't slow down the only solution is a 3 way stop sign.

**Jodie Gibson** says the drag race from 11PM to 3 AM. She thinks they need many speed bumps over a grade.

**Robbyn Battles** says there is no crosswalk and one cant see the stop sign. She asked for an island in the triangle which used to be there but signs on the island were run over so the island was removed years ago.

Other suggestions were to paint on street stop sign ahead but the county prefers to have signage at eye level. Tim will look into adjust signals so vehicles don't cut through to save time.

James Chon for the county said the new speed signs could take 6 to 8 weeks before they are ok'ed and implemented.

- b. **Majorie** Homeowners at Waltonia and Hilldale want sound barriers. Caltrans is looking into rubberized roadways instead for sound walls are exorbitantly expensive Steve explained.
- c. **Kim Mattersteig** asked for more police presence at Briggs Terrace and Shields to enforce stop signs. She told need for neighborhood watch groups and to put up your own signs in your yard like Children at Play to slow down traffic. Call sheriff station to get Deputy Jorge Vadivia for Neighborhood Watch information.

9. Reports from Community Groups

- a. **Marta Wiggins**, La Crescenta Library gave out 300 new library cards in the first 6 weeks and now the big rush of opening is over with 30 to 40 new cards/day now the norm. The April calendar is in the back. She had 29 adults for her chocolate tasting. Her book club meets Tuesday at 6:30 PM

**March 20 Sunshine Drum Circle**

**April 23 Opera Tales German Vignettes**

**April 24 Blues Children Program**

- b. **Dennis Erdman**, CV Water District said in February customers conserved 20% below the 5 year average. The new state allocation did not give Southern CA any more water so this summer will be a drought again. Imported water is scarce and expensive for us. The District is offering a rebate for planting drought tolerant plants  
The CVWD board of Directors met Tuesday with members of the Foothill Water District. They asked Foothill to continue to rebuild its infra structure but to hold off on the parcel tax at this time.

10. Council Business

- a. Approval of March 2010 Treasurer's Report with motion by Frank and seconded by Charlie.
- b. Correspondence by Council Corresponding Secretary Battles.

Good news The 25 foot long sidewalk was approved by the county for start of next school year at El Adobe and Orange.

We have an invite to go on a water tour to Malibu on Friday March 26 with Altadena and La Canada joining the water districts. Frank, Dennis and Danette expressed interest in going.

We are invited to the Friday June 4<sup>th</sup> GUSD Student Showcase at the Alex Theater.

11. Committee Reports and Items from Council

**Todd** told of Arbor Day on Saturday March 27<sup>th</sup> to salute our Volunteer Spirit at Two Strike Park with Supervisor Antonovich and Mary O'Keefe being the keynote speakers. There will be a lot of children participating. There will be a drawing for a 12 foot Sycamore tree.

**Kim** asked all to attend Arbor Day.

**Robbyn** reminded all to attend the Drug Forum

**Danette** asked for support of La Crescent Woman's Club fashion show luncheon at 11 am on Saturday March 27

**Cheryl** told of graffiti at Two Strike Park near bathrooms and garden area. Saturday is the Tea Party at CV Park from 11 to 2pm. There will be a Dog Park meeting in May to discuss the proposed site

**Dennis** mentioned our March Silent auction items of YMCA membership with \$200 the highest bid so far

**Frank** had nothing on Land Use

**Charlie** invited all to the stamp club which now meets at the new library on Monday at 6:30PM

**Kevin** reported our scholarship deadline is March 26 for CVHS students and all students who live in the unincorporated areas of La Crescenta/Montrose. He encourages all to apply with a C average or better. The application is on the website.

12. Executive Meeting at CV Water District Boardroom - 7:00 p.m. Thursday, April 1
13. Next Council Meeting at La Crescenta Library Community Room – 7:00 pm Thursday, April 15
14. Adjournment in memory of Steve Fekete a friend of Cheryl's at 9:35 PM