



WHHO Newsletter February, 2025

Woodland Hills Homeowners Organization

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Wednesday Night:

February 26th

Guest Speaker:

LAPD



LAPD Captain Lopez

Come with your questions and suggestions!

WHHO General Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7:30 PM- 9:00 PM on Zoom

Webinar Virtual Meeting – Register to attend by going to www.whho.com

WHHO invites you to our meeting to hear from Captain Lopez and Senior Lead Officer Brittnay Gutierrez.



They will have new information on a new Drone Project for the LAPD and they will bring us up to date of what is happening in the West Valley and what you need to look for to protect yourself and our property and what is going on with these party houses that caused the shooting death of a 16 year old and left 6 others injured. Is this a trend in our neighborhoods and what can be done to stop it.

Will the new Drone Project affect privacy, or increase noise? What do they expect to accomplish? What effect on our community? [SEE THE DONE PROJECT FLYER AT THE END]

What can we do to stop the “party houses”? Are they merely a nuisance or are they dangerous?

Come with your questions and ideas.

Go to www.whho.com to register. Be sure you have the most recent zoom app.

We look forward to seeing you there.

LAPD Community Police Academy

The WHHO and LAPD Topanga Division wants to let you know about a wonderful opportunity to attend the Community Police Academy. The Community Police Academy is a free 7 week program every Thursday from 6-8 PM at the LAPD Edward M. Davis training Facility at 12001 Blucher Avenue in Granada Hills. This session of the

Academy will take place from February 27 to April 10th.

The 7-week Academy is designed to give community members an in-depth look at the LAPD's department policies, procedures and various facets of law enforcement. During the session, community members will have lectures on many areas of police operations including Special Weapons and Tactics, Human Trafficking, Hate Crimes, Homicide, 911, Communications, Terrorism and Gang Awareness. Additionally, during the Academy, attendees will be introduced to Community Policing and how this form of policing can help build partnership and solve problems in our communities.

We are very fortunate to have incredible Senior Lead Officers (SLOs) in Woodland Hills - Officer Brittany Gutierrez and Officer Jose Fernandez.

The Community Police Academy is also a hands-on experience for attendees. You will get to visit the indoor shooting range and experience what it is like to shoot a bean bag rifle- it is a lot heavier than you might think! Volunteers will also get to experience what it is like for an officer to make a possibly life or death split second decision through use of their training simulator.

Please do not miss this incredible opportunity!
Please email Officer Baldwin
at 3571@lapd.online for more information and the application.

[NOTE: SEE THE FLYER ON THE LAST PAGE]

WHHO SURVEY

We'd love to hear your thoughts about the future of Woodland Hills. The WHHO is dedicated to strengthening our community, and your input plays a key role in guiding our efforts. By sharing your ideas, concerns, and hopes, you'll help us focus on what really matters and work toward meaningful improvements.

Please take a few minutes to complete our survey

here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfXXAUeO4xtooXDyZg2Z5CVV7z9cb7Y5f2xDWl6Nnr_b0oDTA/viewform

Feel free to share the survey with friends, family, and neighbors so everyone's voice can be included who live within Woodland Hills. Each response makes a real difference.

Thank you for your commitment to making Woodland Hills a wonderful place to live. Together, we can shape the future of our community.

Reimagine Ventura Boulevard Begins the Beautification Phase

As the community now realizes, there have been and will be many changes to Ventura Boulevard between Sale and Royer Avenue, perhaps all the way to Woodlake Avenue. Already in effect, 21 additional parking spaces have been added by introducing reverse diagonal parking to the street. Somewhat controversial as a concept, but since being implemented, the amount of use of the spaces shows there is a great need for parking in the area. The area has new paving, bike lanes were added, and a new full traffic light and a pedestrian traffic light were also important additions. Accessible sidewalk ramps at the intersections in the area were added to meet federal regulations. Extensive traffic flow studies were conducted, and it was concluded that the improvements would not compromise the ability to travel the area by car. These improvements are only considered Phase I of the project, often coined the "Infrastructure Phase"

On January 30th the City held an open house to gather opinions about the next phase of the improvements going forward. This next phase, coined the 'Beautification Phase' aims to do the following-

- **Create a village atmosphere and a sense of community in the area.**
- **Encourage traffic to slow down and for drivers to better obey the speed limits.**

- Create more areas where pedestrians can feel comfortable and safe crossing the street.
- Improve business by encouraging people to frequent the area.
- Provide added landscaping and street trees along the sidewalks and in proposed raised medians.
- Add enhanced paving to crosswalks and sidewalks as appropriate.

The meeting was extremely productive as the attendance was large and the participation by stakeholders brought to the City representatives, informative suggestions for improvements to the current proposed plans.

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The general consensus at the meeting by the attendees was that the plan didn't go far enough. That after all this time and effort, another level of detailed additional improvements were needed to make the area truly successful and to meet the initial goals for the desired success.

These improvements were proposed in concept along with more substantial beautification ideas many years ago by members of the Woodland Hills-Warner Center Neighborhood Council. The concepts immediately had support of the Woodland Hills Homeowner's Organization, the West Valley Warner Center Chamber of Commerce and the Ventura Boulevard Plan Review Board. City Council Member Bob Blumenfield and his team have supported and have been working for many years to make it happen.

This is the most critical stage for this area. The community and our City representatives need to make sure that the ball doesn't get dropped. That true beautification happens and what has begun gets completed to its utmost potential!

**Neighborhood Council Elections
- Run for office.**



Would you like to be more involved and serve as an official representative in our community? The Los Angeles Neighborhood Council system will be holding elections for several positions on The Woodland Hills - Warner Center Neighborhood Council (WHWCNC). This year, the NC elections will be held via Mail-In Ballots which must be received before June 3, 2025

Elections will be held for Residential, Business, and Community Based Organization (CBO) representatives for the following areas: Area 2, Area 4, Area 6 and an At-Large representative.

Applications must be submitted before March 17, 2025 – go to

<https://neighborhoodempowerment.lacity.gov/elections/>

You can also find at that web page all information to apply, run, vote, review candidates, view results, and additional key dates.

Key Deadlines

- Now – Apply to be a candidate in Areas 2, 4, 6 or At-Large of the WHWCNC
- March 17, 2025 – Deadline to apply as a candidate
- April 4, 2025 – First day to request a mail-in ballot
- May 27, 2025 – Last day to request mail in ballot

- June 3, 2025 – Election Day (all ballots need to be mailed by this date)
- June 18, 2025 – Certification of Election results

THE WHHO NEEDS YOU TO BE PART OF US IN 2025.

The WHHO wants to be your voice as well as your eyes and ears into what's going on in our community and our City that will affect your lifestyle, your property and your neighborhood.

We try to bring you discussions with important City, County and State figures that can have an impact on your home, your neighborhood and your community.

We encourage you to attend our Zoom meetings (they're free - just register for them), and we're anxious to hear your comments on how we can be even more effective in our efforts to protect and advance our neighborhoods. Have a story for the WHHO news? Please email it to us. The more everyone knows, the better for our community. Or, if there's something you think needs to be covered, let us know.

At the bottom of the first page of our web site, www.WHHO.com you can register and pay for your membership using PayPal (it accepts any credit card). So, join us today. We look forward to having you part of our family.

It is only \$25 a year for an *entire household* to belong to WHHO, and your membership helps to sustain us by covering taxes, insurance and other legally required fees.

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LAPD OPERATIONS-VALLEY BUREAU COMMUNITY POLICE ACADEMY



February 27, 2025-April 10, 2025
Every Thursday
6:00PM-8:00PM

LAPD Edward M. Davis Training
Facility
12001 Blucher Ave. Granada Hills, CA
91344



Get an up-close look at the Los Angeles Police Department and various facets of law enforcement. During the Academy, students will be able to learn more about police operations, such as Special Weapons and Tactics, Homicide Investigations, Human Trafficking, Hate Crimes, and Gang Awareness



Requirements:

- 18 years or older
- Have no convictions for serious crimes
- Do not have pending arrest warrants
- Do not have pending criminal cases

For more information, please contact

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DRONE AS A FIRST RESPONDER (DFR)

Drone as a First Responder works by deploying a drone immediately to the scene of an emergency call. This allows officers to gain real-time situational awareness through the drone operator relaying information gained by a live video feed from the drone while officers are responding to a call for service or incident. This assists by providing crucial information before they arrive at the scene of an incident or call for service.

Around 1,500 law enforcement agencies across the United States have established drone programs that serve various functions, with 58 of these located in California. Notably, in 2018 the Chula Vista Police Department was the first to use drones as first responders and establish the DFR concept. The use of a drone can significantly enhance officers' ability to assess the scene before their arrival and provide essential intelligence regarding the optimal deployment of resources

What are the objectives of a DFR program?

A DFR program aims to achieve several objectives that can enhance a law enforcement agency's effectiveness:

- **Reduce Response Times:** The program aims to shorten the response times to calls for service, ensuring that assistance arrives quickly and that officers receive important information before they arrive on the scene.
- **Document Incidents:** The focus is on accurately documenting incidents to support potential criminal prosecutions, helping to build strong cases within the judicial system.
- **Enhance Officer Safety:** The program improves situational awareness by assisting patrol officers in assessing situations more effectively, leading to improved decision-making during critical incidents.
- **Efficiency:** The program strives to create a more efficient and responsive law enforcement response for the residents of the city of operation.

Public privacy and transparency are at the heart of DFR programs.

Law enforcement DFR programs protect privacy by implementing data management policies, including encryption, secure storage, and access controls. They also regularly audit and comply with privacy laws.

As you traverse a city with a DFR program and hear the familiar whirring of a drone overhead, you may wonder, "Is that drone watching me?" Unless you are in the commission of a crime, under criminal investigation for the commission of a crime, or actively associated with any of the common uses for a DFR program, the officers utilizing the drone are not interested in recording you.

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