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# VENTURA POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CRIME PREVENTION COMMUNICATION

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**DATE:** August 23, 2006  
**TO:** Neighborhood Watch Block Captains  
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**SUBJECT:** Block Captain Information

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- The Community Academy is scheduled for Wednesday nights from the September 13<sup>th</sup> – December 13<sup>th</sup>. Please check out our website for more information and get your applications in right away if you are interested in attending.
- DISASTER PREPAREDNESS - I've had several inquiries regarding disaster preparedness instruction for NW groups. The City does not currently provide that type of training, however County Fire does hold courses in neighboring cities and they welcome Ventura residents. You can contact them at 389-9710 for more information.

I am aware of community based programs in other cities and will be meeting with some of the coordinators of those programs in late September. I want to at least be able to provide appropriate materials and guidelines to those of you who would like to organize your NW groups for response in a disaster.

- RIDE-ALONGS - I would like to remind folks about the opportunity to participate in our Ride-along Program. Just stop in at the front desk, request and fill out a standard form and someone will call you to schedule a time for you to ride on shift with one of our Police Officers.
- SIT-ALONGS - We also have Sit-alongs available where you can come into the station and sit in the 911 center with a set of headphones and listen to calls and radio traffic while a Dispatcher explains what's going on. For more information on Sit-alongs, please contact Linda Carralejo at [lcarralejo@ci.ventura.ca.us](mailto:lcarralejo@ci.ventura.ca.us) Both programs are very enlightening and fun!
- YOUR E-MAIL – Please remember to let me know if you change e-mail addresses. It's important that we are able to reach you in case of an alert, and I notice we get a lot of messages sent back as undeliverable, address does not exist etc.
- BLOCK CAPTAIN'S MEETING - The next one is scheduled for Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. I'll send out a reminder closer to time. Hope to see you there!!!!