

February 26, 2018

**CERT  
RED CROSS**

Speakers

**Lindsay Barker**- Chief Resilience Officer for the City of Santa Monica Office of Emergency Management (**CERT**)

**Julie Thomas**- American Red Cross

We had a very informative meeting with Lindsay and Julie. They came prepared with information concerning crimes in our immediate area and how we can prevent assaults. They gave “homework” for tenants, if we so choose, concerning disaster preparedness. We all agree this is extremely necessary.

**Lindsay** reviewed the 911 dispatch report at The Shores of bikes stolen, cars broken into, suspicious activity and the break-in of apt 628. Out of fear, some residents talked about buying a gun. Lindsay mentioned a better option would be a Taser, pepper spray, whistles and sirens that can be purchased inexpensively.

1. We live in a tsunami zone. With climate change, even the smallest earthquake can trigger a tsunami. In that event, plan to get at least to 4th street (depending on size).
2. Be informed and register for Santa Monica mass alert to receive info on mobile devices. You can register online.
3. Take the CERT program which is held on 3 Saturday's and free through the city of SM. Registration is online.
4. Have an Emergency Kit

**Julie** talked about Map Your Neighborhood (**MYN**). This program teaches neighbors to rely on each other during the hours or days before fire, medical, police, or utility responders arrive following a disaster. MYN has a specific outline for *vertical neighborhoods* such as ours. To begin, we need:

1. Volunteers on each floor to be Floor Coordinators.
2. Invite neighbors over to listen to a 90 min presentation by Red Cross.

They come to us at our convenience!

We encourage everyone to participate in this very important program. Please go to [info@tsra90405.com](mailto:info@tsra90405.com) and let us know if you would like to be a floor leader or help in any way.