

## TOPANGA AREA COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Topanga Area has several programs that focus on achieving an informed relationship with our community and to provide quality service to our citizens. The names and descriptions of the community programs are listed below. We look forward to serving you and bringing the highest service possible.

- Topanga BOOSTERS
- Topanga Police Youth Board
- Topanga Area Cadet Post #2100
- Police Activity League
- Jeopardy
- Topanga Area Volunteer Program
- Volunteer Surveillance Team

### **TOPANGA BOOSTERS** ([www.topangaboosters.org](http://www.topangaboosters.org))

The Topanga BOOSTERS is a volunteer support organization made up of community and business leaders. The BOOSTERS primary function is to increase the effectiveness and morale of the officers and employees of Topanga Area by raising money for training, materials and equipment not supplied by the City of Los Angeles. There are several methods a community member can be a part of the BOOSTERS.

If you would like to become a BOOSTERS member and support the officers that protect and serve your community, please contact the Topanga Community Relations Office (CRO) at 818.756.3180.

#### SUPPORT LEVELS

Charter Member: One time contribution of \$500.00

Designations below are for annual membership contributions. BOOSTERS is a 501(c)(3) Tax exempt organization, tax ID No. 36-4622976.

LAPD Good Neighbor	Any Amount
LAPD Supporter	\$60.00 per year
LAPD Blue	\$120.00 per year
LAPD Silver	\$250.00 per year
LAPD Gold	\$500.00 per year
LAPD Platinum	\$1,000.00 per year

### **TOPANGA POLICE YOUTH BOARD** ([www.topangapoliceyouthboard.org](http://www.topangapoliceyouthboard.org))

The Topanga Police Youth Board (TYPB) is comprised of people who live and work in the area served by the Topanga Police Station. These individuals have come together to help build a stronger community by providing needed support for the various youth programs operating at Topanga Police station.

The Topanga Police Youth Board is a 501(c)(3) organization with tax ID No. 27-0292787. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with applicable IRS regulations.

## **TOPANGA AREA CADET POST #2100**

The Topanga Area Cadet Post is a program that provides special training to young people that are interested in a law enforcement career and assists them in becoming better citizens in their community, while developing a positive relationship between themselves and the police.

Cadet recruits will receive Recruit Cadet Academy training that includes various law enforcement topics and the *Character Counts* curriculum, which is designed to build leadership skills and instill character through ethical decision making. Also incorporated in the training is a version of *Toastmasters*, which teaches improved communication skills and self-confidence through the art of public speaking.

If you would like to become a Cadet and serve your community, please contact the Topanga Community Relations Office-Youth Service Officer (YSO) at 818.756.3180.

## **POLICE ACTIVITY LEAGUE**

The Police Activity League (PAL) is a youth crime prevention program that relies on educational, athletic and other recreational activities to form a bond between police officers and the youth in your community. The PAL program gives disadvantaged youth (ages 6 to 17) the opportunity to participate in activities by partnering with the Boys and Girls club. The activities are supervised by a police officer and are invaluable to the young impressionable minds of the participants.

This program is funded by donations through the Topanga Police Youth Board (TPYB) and other community members. If you would like to become a PAL member please contact the Topanga CRO-YSO at 818.756.3180.

## **JEOPARDY**

The Jeopardy program is a gang prevention program to deter juveniles from the negativity associated with gangs and to promote family support. The program seeks to serve families with children between 9 to 17 years of age who are at risk of being recruited or lured into the gang lifestyle.

A formal intake process guarantees that the program is focused on at-risk youth and a six month program provides for a period of support, resources and effectiveness to turn these youth in the right direction. Some of the goals are to improve grades, decrease truancy, improve self-esteem and decrease the risk of gang involvement.

This program is funded by donations through the Topanga Police Youth Board (TPYB) and other community members. If you would like to enroll your child in Jeopardy, please contact the Topanga CRO-YSO at 818.756.3180.

## **VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS**

There are several areas where volunteers are needed to assist the officers and employees of Topanga. As a volunteer you can assist with front desk operations, detective desk operations, calling victims of crimes for additional information, mentor in our youth programs, assist clerical staff and several other areas within the law enforcement community. If you would like to become a Topanga Area volunteer, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 818.756.3180.

## **VOLUNTEER SURVEILLANCE TEAM**

The Volunteer Surveillance Team (VST) is a group of volunteers who are supervised by an officer to observe and report criminal activity in surveillance details. These details may encompass the surveillance of graffiti prevention, burglary from motor vehicles, and other property related crimes. If you would like to become a VST member, please contact the Topanga VST coordinator at 818.756.3180.