Author & Former LAPD Officer Norman E. Edelen to appear at the San Bernardino Public Library

"What went down one month before Watts burned up, August 1965? Author Norman E. Edelen will be at the Feldheym Central Library on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 6:00 PM in remembrance of the 50th anniversary of the Watts Riot, which began August 11, 1965, triggered by the arrest of Marquette Frye, his mother, and his brother.

Mr. Edelen was a young police officer during that time and was instrumental in establishing the human relations organization within the Los Angeles Police Department. He will be discussing provocative aspects of the LAPD, the Watts Riot, and his presence there at that time, as well as efforts being made to improve relations between the LAPD and the community.

Mr. Edelen will also be discussing his books. The first novel in his trilogy, After a While you Wonder, was drawn from his experience in the LAPD.

Mr. Edelen is a former TV writer-producer and ex-LAPD officer. Following his years as a Los Angeles Police Officer, Edelen started writing professionally. A member of the Writer’s Guild of America, he wrote the first thirteen episodes of “Serendipity”, a children’s TV show that won an Emmy Award. He was writer/associate producer of “Preacher Man”, a TV documentary that was nominated for an Emmy. Edelen was also co-writer/producer of a bicentennial TV special called “The Greatest Story Never Told” about freed blacks and slaves who in 1763 petitioned the Colonies for freedom.

Books will not be available at the presentation, but are available at Amazon or Barnes & Noble to bring with you for signing. Edelen’s trilogy consists of After a While You Wonder; Tuesday After Next; and It Don’t Matter: Amor Regge Senza Legge.

For more information call the library at 909-381-8238 or visit www.sbpl.org