

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 1 East Community Meeting
FROM: George Bloom, Lieutenant
DATE: January 17, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2008

Lieutenant Bloom

- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for Area 1 East Community and everything north of the 210 freeway. If you have any questions, call him at 350-7706 or e-mail him at gbloom@fontana.org.
- For good information go to the city website at www.Fontana.org. The city's website has a link to the Police Department's website.
- Chief Larry Clark retired December 27th and Rod Jones was promoted to Chief and Alan Hostetter was promoted to Deputy Chief.
- Military Banner program- The city of Fontana will recognize residents who are currently serving on active duty in the military. The service person will be honored with a banner that will list his/her name and branch. The banner will be proudly displayed on a thoroughfare within the city. This program is designed to support, recognize, and express appreciation to individuals and their families for those who are currently active in the US Military service serving overseas. The effort is a collaboration between the city of Fontana, American Legion Post 262 and the Fontana Chamber of Commerce. If you would like more information please contact the Fontana Chamber of Commerce at (909) 822-4433.
- Department and Area statistics:
 - Residential Burglaries are the same for last quarter, there were a total of 16 residential burglaries.
 - Vehicle Burglaries are slightly higher for this quarter. This quarter we had 54 vehicle burglaries, last quarter we had 51. 30% of all vehicle burglaries happen in public places such as a store parking lot etc, which means 70% happen near the home. Make sure you do not leave personal items visible in the vehicle.
 - Vehicle thefts were also high for this quarter.
 - Robberies still down to 2 or 3 a month. Most of the robberies are bullies in the park taking kids lunch money or ipods. We did have one bank robbery and the FBI is working on that.
- Lock Bumping Video-
 - ❖ 90+% of American doors use an old style cylinder lock which is vulnerable to lock bumping.
 - ❖ Your lock can even be lock bumped by a 10 year old.
 - ❖ Any one can make a lock bumping key in less than 5 minutes.

- ❖ When a lock bumping key is used to break into your house then there is no sign of forced entry or damage to the lock. This makes insurance companies very weary in paying the claim. You could lose everything and not get compensated because of the lock bumping keys.
- ❖ With the digital underworld abuzz about the new lock bumping threat, safety experts say it's time to protect yourself against lock bumping.
- ❖ With a lock bumping key it will take an intruder less than a minute to break into your house.
- ❖ To reduce your risk of lock bumping replace old cylinder locks with new high security locks.

Chief Jones

- Advised Lt. Bloom's position as part of the Area Commander program is he is the chief of Area one. If there is a problem in the community and you don't know who to call you can call Lt. Bloom. George has the authority to get problems fixed right away.
- Advised we need all concerned residents come to the meetings. If there is a problem we can't fix it if we don't know about it.
- One example, at the last meeting there was an issue at Marrujo Park regarding after hours use of the park. Eric Garwick called him the next day and suggested turning on the sprinklers earlier to discourage use during closed hours. Since the last meeting there has only been 2 calls for service at the park...so we suspect that helped.

Sergeant Stover- Traffic Unit

- The Community Enrichment Program is when 10 to 12 officers go into one sector and basically clean up the area. The last one for this area was in November and the next one is scheduled for March. In November there were 159 parking citations issued, 31 vehicles impounded, 5 code compliance cases initiated plus two other additional cases. We don't just want to cite people we also want to educate them. Vehicles in violation of VC 4000(A)..(out of compliance registration) will get towed away. So if you have any complaints please let Lt. Bloom know.
- We recently had the radar trailer out on Medinah and Red Hill. If you would like to see it anywhere else let Lt. Bloom know.

Officer Reed-Traffic Unit

- The traffic unit is coming up with a project. We have 50+ schools in the city and all have parking problems. We are coming up with a rotation system to go to two to three schools a week. We will have 4 to 5 officers going to each school at one time. If you live 3 houses down the street don't drive your kid to school... walk them.
- Advised all violators will be cited. Sometimes the officers might follow the vehicle to a safer location to issue them the cite that way there will be less congestion at the school.
- This is just the start of this project so we might make adjustments as needed.

Lieutenant Bloom

- Asked the attendees what they would like to have at the meetings.
 - Drug related activity in the area.
 - Gang activity update
 - Skate park cliental- kids selling drugs out of their back packs
 - Graffiti and Tagging

- Possibly have a representative from Animal Control
- Problem of strays animals' people leave behind when they move.

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Concerns of Sierra Lakes/Citrus Heights residents

- Asked regarding abandoned houses who do we call when they are not kept up. *Mike Lee from Code Compliance advised if you have a vacant house on your street that is not being kept up call Code Compliance. If the house is open and unsecured Code Compliance will go out right away to secure the location however if the house just has dead grass there is not much the city can do we will just monitor it. Chief Jones advised the problems with vacant houses are the banks they don't care. We are currently working on an ordinance that will allow the city to be able to cloud the loan if the bank doesn't maintain the property they can't sell the house until that is taken care of.*
- Asked what the limit for having Christmas lights up is. *Mike Lee advised they are allowed to stay up for 90 days. After 90 days the wiring usually starts to decay. We usually get good compliance when we go out.*
- Advised there is a house on Pine Valley and Bay Hill that constantly has parties is there anything that could be done, they are also renters. *Lt. Bloom advised if it's disturbing your peace please call the police department we have different options our officers can use such as citing the party host or home owner. Lt. Bloom advised we can contact the owner and notify them and usually the owner takes care of the problem which could be getting the bad renters out.*
- Advised they have a problem with a certain house that always seems to have different vehicles showing up. The problem is fairly new between _____ and Montecito. There is a huge spot where vehicles park. *Lt. Bloom advised there is not much that can be done if they are parked legally but if its commercial vehicles call the police department because they are not allowed to park anywhere in the city unless they are making a delivery.*
- Advised on the cul-de-sac on Pine Valley, there is a house with a security door. It's starting to look like a prison. *Mike Lee from Code Compliance advised most security doors are legal to have on the doors according to the city code. Advised when you bought the house you probably had CC & R's but Code Compliance and the Police Department can not enforce those codes. For anything to be done about that you would have to get the community together. Chief Jones advised in new developments the developers don't want you to do things to the property which will make yhem hard to sel.l Once all the property is sold, then that association the developers had goes away. If a resident violates valid CCR's it's up to the residents to take them to court as a breach of contract. We would like to have the authority to start enforcement but we can't. However with the new communities coming in , that may change.*
- Advised people are siphoning gas out of her vehicle. Advised everyone to watch out for this.

- Asked if tractors are allowed to park in residential areas. *Lt. Bloom advised those are not allowed to park anywhere in residential zones. Please call the police department.*
- Asked what the new noise ordinance is. *Lt. Bloom advised the new noise ordinance allows officers to cite residents if the noise can be heard 50 feet or more away from the source. One warning will be given.*
- Asked if there were any designated hours for that noise ordinance. *Lt. Bloom advised there are no hours for the noise enforcement... it only has to be heard by the officer a distance of 50 feet from the property.*
- Advised the back of his house is the golf course work shop. It was asked if the new ordinance would apply. *Lt. Bloom advised perhaps, you can always call us and the officer would figure out if there is a code is being violated.*
- Advised a neighbor comes home late at night blasting his music. *Lt. Bloom advised we have a vehicle code but officers would have to actually see it and hear it.*
- Asked if there was a curfew for juveniles. *Lt. Bloom advised yes there is a curfew it's 10pm, however if they are in front of their house on the sidewalk or driveway...that's not a violation of the curfew ordinance.*
- Advised there was a bust of a man growing marijuana, asked what the neighbors can look for in their neighborhood in regards to suspicious homes. *Lt. Bloom advised it's a difficult thing to look for but if the house is unfurnished with people living there, or there is a smell emitting from the house, or if electrical usage seems high or the wires altered at the meter...there may be reason for concern.*
- Advised there haven't been any lights at the entrances of Sierra Lakes on the trees and there are missing letters on the Sierra Lakes sign. *Dan West advised they will look into the lights and they are aware of the letters missing.*
- Advised the digital speed readout signs work really well. *Sgt. Stover advised engineering has requested four more of those radar speed signs.*
- Asked about speed bumps in their area. *Sgt. Stover advised getting speed bumps will not happen. Advised Engineering looked into getting them for Medinah and Augusta however it didn't work out. Chief Jones advised the Fire Department don't like speed bumps because in case of an emergency they will have to go about 5 miles per hour and it will take them longer to get to the emergency. Speed bumps are in our industrial area that's the only place they will be.*
- Asked what can be done to get Sierra Lakes gated. *Chief Jones advised it has to be up to the homeowners and don't know of any community that was open and decided to close the community. There are advantages and disadvantages to having a closed community.*
- Asked what is the cost of parking over a cross walk. *Sgt. Stover advised that is a moving violation and the county sets those fines.*
- Asked if there was anyway parents can drop the kids off on Citrus instead of in front of the school. *Officer Reed advised we don't want parents to drop kids off at Citrus because of a safety issue.*
- Asked if it's legal for parents to park on Augusta. *Sgt. Stover advised there are designated areas where parents can park.*

- Asked why nothing is being done about kids selling drugs out of their back packs at the skate park. *Councilmember Roberts advised both skate parks are going to be monitored and helmets and pads will be rented out.*

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS APRIL 14, 2008. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SIERRA LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5740 Avenal Place) AT 7:00 PM.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY APRIL 13, 2008

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