

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 1 East Community Meeting
FROM: Lt. Gary Aulis, Area Commander Beat 1
DATE: January 21, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2009

Sergeant Wagner

- Advised Lt. Bloom is out for an unknown amount of time, so Lt. Aulis is currently the Area Commander for Area 1 East Community and everything north of the 210 freeway, however he was unable to be here tonight. If you have any questions, call him at 350-7706 or e-mail him at gaulis@fontana.org. Advised you do not have to wait until the meeting date to bring up your question. You can call him or e-mail him anytime.
- Advised Lt. Aulis will be back for the next meeting.
- Introductions-Councilmember Roberts, Lt. Tronaas, Eddie Alejo, Public Works; Sergio Quiroz, Public Works; Eric Garwick, Public Works; Jerry Perez, Streets and Utilities; Kathy Weber, Engineering; Mike Lee, Code Compliance.
- For useful information go to the City's website at www.fontana.org. The City's website has a link to the Police Department's website.
- CopLogic is a new reporting system which will be implemented within the next week or so. CopLogic is a system that is designed to allow citizens to file certain reports via the internet. The system is accessible from any computer with internet access through the police department's website and it will also be available in Spanish. There will also be a computer in the police department lobby which residents will be able to use to report incidents. This system gives the citizen the ability to file the report at their leisure and the ability to obtain a copy of the report within a few days at no cost to them. The reports a citizen will be able to report via the CopLogic program will be: Child Custody Violations, Graffiti, Harassing Phone Calls, Hit and Run (without other party information), Identity Theft, Lost Property, Theft (under \$500), Vandalism, Vandalism of a vehicle, vehicle burglary and vehicle tampering.
- *Department and Area Statistics:*
 - There were 54 vehicle burglaries last quarter now this quarter there were 32.
 - There have been about 16 vehicle thefts for both quarters.
 - There were 16 residential burglaries last quarter and this quarter there was 12.
 - There were 2 Robberies this quarter as well as last quarter.

- Officers responded to 265 traffic stops, 57 vehicle checks and there were 78 9-1-1 unfounded calls.
- 21% of officer's time was on traffic stops.

Officer Porch-graffiti tracker-"Graffiti In Our City" Presentation:

- Advised there are 11 Gang Officers, 6 Bicycle Officers, and 2 Grant Theft Auto Investigators in the MET Unit (Multiple Enforcement Team Unit). All of the Officers work on specialized assignments, and on problems that may arise in the City.
- The Gang Officers wear a green polo shirt with the word "SMASH" (San Bernardino County Movement against Street Hoodlums) on it. Fontana PD has the largest gang unit within San Bernardino County. The best way to get information is to stop people and talk to them. He handles all graffiti reports. He also responds to "graffiti in progress" calls. To report graffiti call 350-GONE or report it on the police department's website www.fontanapd.org. The City's graffiti team works 6 days a week, and removes graffiti within 24-48 hours. If someone is in the progress of putting up graffiti, call the Police Dispatch Center at 350-7700

There are two types of graffiti-"Gang and Tagging":

- Gang Graffiti-"SUR" means Southern California 13. This gang has alliances with the Mexican Mafia gang members, and Mexican prison gang members.
- "IE" means the territory they claim. They are showing every other gang or whoever lives in the area that they are there and it is their territory. They can have large gang with smaller cliques. They have monikers that don't change.
- "Varrio" means hood. You will always see "V" in gang graffiti.
- If a gang member is caught tagging the officer asks for "gang enhancement" (extended sentencing) in his report that is sent to the District Attorney's Office.
- When the Officers do a search warrant at gang members' homes they found their rooms usually tagged with gang graffiti (usually have gang roll call-monikers of members in their gang).
- Tagging-Taggers usually tag by themselves or with one of two more people. Tagging is a bubbly design, large, and colorful. A tagging crew is not a gang.
- Go to website www.fontanapd.org to report graffiti and tagging.

Graffiti Tracker" PowerPoint Presentation:

- About 20 Cities have this computer program.
- The City's graffiti team has a camera with a GPS tracking system in it. They download the graffiti pictures into a program that goes to a company in Long Beach called the "Graffiti Tracker". The company link information together in a database for the 20 cities to share.

- The system has a “Gang Intelligence Report” and “Tagging Intelligence Report” tracking program that the officers use to find offenders.
- The program was started on August 28, 2008. Officers have made 20 arrests since starting the program. The program has a Google map that shows where graffiti/vandalism occurred. It has the date and time when the picture was taken. The Officers take this information to court and shows it to the judge at the suspect’s hearing...
- From October 1 to October 31, the City’s graffiti team responded to 4.567 graffiti clean-up requests. The City has now started charging a restitution fee to the vandals according to the amount of “their” graffiti that was cleaned up by the City’s graffiti team.
- The “Graffiti Tracker” has a map that shows where tagging is occurring within the City. Taggers usually tag in their area, and on their way to and from school.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Sierra Lakes Residents:

- Asked if the robbers from the cleaners robbery were caught? **Sgt. Wagner advised a captain and 2 lieutenants were right there going to lunch and the call came out however whoever called it in gave the wrong location, so make sure you give the correct information when you call in a crime. Officer Porch advised officers are currently working on leads, no arrests have been made as of yet.**
- Advised she received a letter from the school stating the police were looking for a suspicious vehicle. **Officer Porch advised we have located that vehicle and arrested the subject about a week ago.**
- Asked if there was any way to let the school know so they can let the parents know. **Officer Porch advised we will let them know. One of our Lieutenants is actually the police chief there and we have a close relationship with them.**
- Asked if school police is being eliminated due to budge cuts. **Sgt. Wagner advised he can’t speak for the school district however we will find out from Chief Ratcliffe.**
- Asked if there was any enforcement on the helmet law with juveniles on bicycles. **Sgt. Wagner advised there should be but he will mention it to the traffic unit. Officer Porch advised at the second skate park they gave out a bunch of helmets to try to encourage children to wear them and they are currently working on getting compliance.**
- Thanked the police department for breaking up a party at an abandoned house on their street. Advised the guy went around to the neighbors and advised he was renting the house and was inviting them to house warming party and advised they would have a complimentary ticket. **Officer Porch advised there was over 400 people at that**

house when they broke it up. Advised the police department had 12 vehicles out there to break it up.

- Asked if there was an updated on the 210 freeway exit off of Citrus with the extra left turn lane. **Kathy Webber of Engineering advised that project has been turned over to Cal Trans. Advised they have to administer that project, however they might not feel that it's a priority. Advised the cost of the project will probably be over \$100,000.**
- Advised they are victims of a vehicle burglary and found out that they also tried to break into their house, asked if vehicle and residential burglaries are up. **Sgt. Wagner advised both residential and vehicle burglaries have not increased this quarter.**
- Advised her vehicle was broken into and she was amazed with the response time, it only took 10 minutes for an officer to respond. **Sgt. Pitts advised not to leave anything in your vehicle. Advised sometime when they break into your vehicle it may not seem like they took anything but what they really took was your personal information and they can use it for identity theft.**
- Advised there are far too many no U-turn signs in Sierra Lakes. **Kathy Webber with Engineering advised if there is one that is in question specifically please call the engineering department because they will have to address each one individually because it depends on the specifics of the intersection.**
- Asked if dogs are a deterrent to residential burglaries. **Sgt. Wagner advised yes they are a good deterrent. A lot of times dogs create a lot of noise, sometimes they work and sometimes they don't.**
- Asked if the guy who knocked on a 27 year old woman's door and pushed her in has been caught. **Sgt. Wagner advised he will have to find out, advised if it's a huge problem we usually get a task force on it but he hasn't heard of any special task force working on anything like that.**
- Asked if registered sex offenders have to post a sign in their yard. **Sgt. Wagner advised no they are required to register with their local police department once a year or every time they move. You can go on the Megan's Law Website to see if there are sex offenders in your area. If you see something suspicious call us.**
- Advised everyone to be careful what information they put on their cell phone, advised their cell phone was stolen and it had personal information on there and it was used for identity theft purposes. **Sgt Wagner also advised you want to make sure you shred all your paper work also and never give your personal information over the phone.**
- Asked if there were any updates on the Promenade. **Councilman Roberts advised the promenade plan is still in place however it could be another few years before construction is started.**

- Asked for an update on the water rates. And what the city is doing to lower the rates. ***Councilman Roberts advised the Fontana Water Company is governed by the PUC, the city has no control over it. We need residents to contact the PUC with their concerns.***
- Advised on Summit between Lytle Creek and Citrus the top layer of asphalt has not been put down and the manhole covers are sticking up about 3 inches. ***Jerry Perez with Public Works advised usually when housing projects are being built they don't put the top layer down until the development is completed. Kathy Webber advised they are also adding a lighting project and thinks it will be completed once that project is completed so it should be done soon.***
- Wanted to thank the police department for their hard work and hopes the city is not impacted by the state.
- Joann Smith advised they are creating coalitions within the city of Fontana to deal with juvenile substance abuse. Advised the 1st meeting will be February 26th if anyone is interested please call Michael Parmer at (909) 982-8641 ext.114.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS April 13, 2009. THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 PM AT SIERRA LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5740 AVENAL PLACE, Fontana CA 92336)

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY April 12, 2009 TO:

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