

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 1 East Community Meeting  
**FROM:** Lt. George Bloom, Area Commander Beat 1  
**DATE:** October 30, 2008  
**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of October 20, 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](mailto:gbloom@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.
- For good information go to the City's website at [www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org). The City's website has a link to the Police Department's website.
- *Department and Area Statistics:*
  - Residential Burglaries-
    - There were 16 burglaries for this quarter (this quarter last year there were 14 and 16 this same time last year).
    - 4 of the 16 homes were vacant, which is 25% of burglaries.
    - If you have vacant homes in your area, keep a look out because more problems will occur if the home is vacant.
  - Vehicle Burglaries-
    - 54 vehicle burglaries this quarter (this quarter last year there were 63 and 51 this time last year).
    - 28 of them occurred at commercial establishments, which is 52%.
    - Out of the 28 burglaries that occurred at commercial establishments 19 happened at the gym.
    - 183 vehicle burglaries so far in 2008-123 for same in 2007, which is an increase of 33%.
    - Advised he talked to the owner of the LA Fitness Center, and he has put in a security system, which have greatly reduced the calls for service. Advised he has not heard anything from the 24-Hour Fitness Center manager.
    - Advised vehicle burglaries for the North End is our major problem. Violent crimes are nothing on the North End. Put your cars in your garages, set your alarms, and take all of the values out of the car. Do not leave anything in plain sight.
  - Grand Theft Auto-
    - 16 GTA's this quarter, 16 last quarter, and 16 this same time last year.

- 3 of the 16 were at commercial establishments. None occurred at the gym.
- 47 GTA's for 2008, 44 for 2007, which is a 6% increase.
- Robberies-
  - 2 robberies this quarter. 3 last quarter and 2 this time last year.
  - Bank of America had 1 deposit robbery, and 1 attempted robbery.
  - Kohl's had 1 robbery, and Target had 1 attempted robbery.
  - 8 robberies for 2008, 11 for 2007, which is a 27% decrease.

### **Officer Steven Bechtold-Sexual Offenders and Sexual Registrants PowerPoint Presentation**

- The City has about 253 sex registrants.
  - Who gets to register- anyone convicted of a certain sex offense.
  - About 10% of all registrants are out of compliance.
  - About 10 to 15 are cold cases.
  - Getting Compliance is the goal.
- Megan's Law
  - PC 290-requires convicted sex offenders to register with their local law enforcement agency annually. They must register 5 days before or after their birthday until they die.
  - The sex offenders have to provide the law enforcement agency with their address, business information, and vehicle information.
  - Megan's Law website is [www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)
  - Any time a registered sex offender moves they have to re-register with their local law enforcement agency.
- Jessica's Law
  - California voters voted on Proposition 83 in 2006.
    - Requires any registered sex offenders getting on parole to wear a GPS system.
    - Registered sex offenders would not be able to live within 2000 feet of a school or park.
    - Government agencies will attempt to make contact twice a year by mail.
      - Challenges
  - The law does not define who will pay for the GPS devices and tracking system.
  - There is currently a lawsuit so there is a delay on part of the law regarding the residence requirements.
- What the Police Department has done
  - Created a 290 detective.
  - Developed PISO (Patrol Interventions of Sex Offender) Program.
  - Initiated proactive approach checking compliance to laws pertaining to Jessica's law.
  - Increased department training on sex offender's compliance and intervention.

- What can you do:
  - Be observant
  - Meet your Neighbors
  - Know who the children are in the neighborhood
  - Don't allow overly kind people who you don't know to care for your children
  - Become informed by the Megan's Law website.

**Jason Hendrix and Damien Terrones-Fontana Park PowerPoint Presentation**

- Encouraged residents to attend the "Grand Opening of Fontana Park" on October 25, 2008 from 10:00-4:00 pm.
- Advised they are responsible for the activities at the Jessie Turner Community Center. Call Jason at 428-8360 ext. 237, and call Damien at 428-8360 ext. 234 with questions or suggestions. Call Mallory King at 428-8360 ext. 226 for rental information.
- Advised that Fontana Park has the following amenities:
  - Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Community Center features:
    - 43,000 square feet
    - 300 seat banquet room with stage-(can be rented out-3 separate rooms)
    - Multi-purpose room (dance, aerobics, 2 tiny tots rooms, and classrooms)
    - Meeting and technology rooms (24 computers)
    - Indoor gymnasium-(can have two events going on at the same time)
    - Outdoor gymnasium-(can have two events going on at the same time)
    - Outdoor courtyard
  - Aquatics Center features:
    - 14 lane competition pool
    - 2 water slides
    - Zero depth play area
    - Instructional pool
    - Picnic pavilion
  - Skate and BMX Park features:
    - Operated by Action Park Alliance
    - 25,000 square feet
    - Pools with varied transitions
    - Grind rails and ledges
    - Grind radial and bank area

- Play Areas features:
  - Imaginative playground
  - Checkerboard square
  - Sunken ship playground
  - Kinetic Sculptures
- Activity Areas features:
  - Covered sports arena
  - Dog park-(large and small dogs)
  - Amphitheater
  - Landscaped promenade
  - Walking paths

The up-coming events at Fontana Park are as follows:

- Chills and Thrills on Halloween
- Breakfast with Santa (small children to age 12)
- Extreme X-Day (Skate Park)
- Video Games Tournament
- Easter Egg Hunt

**Check the City's website [www.fontana.org](http://www.fontana.org) for these events.**

**Councilwoman Acquanetta Warren:**

- Encouraged residents to attend the grand opening of Fontana Park, because it is the "Jewel of the Inland Empire", and something special to see. Explained there is extensive lighting at Fontana Park so that Police Officers can easily see what is going on in the park. The Parks and Recreation staff can monitor the entire park on their computers.
- Asked residents to call **428-PARK** to report issues at the park. Explained that it takes all of us to let the City know where problems are in the City.
- Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN**

**Concerns of Sierra Lakes Residents:**

- Asked if most of the burglaries in Sierra Lakes are occurring at night? **Lt. Bloom advised that the burglaries occurred while people are at work. Advised a couple of the burglaries occurred while people were in their bed sleeping.**
- Advised people are drag racing on Augusta. **Lt. Bloom advised residents to call the Police Dispatch Center at 350-7700 whenever you see drag racing in the area.**
- Advised that some of the street lights on Augusta are not working. **Lt. Bloom advised residents to report non-working street lights on the Police Department's website [www.fontanapd.org](http://www.fontanapd.org). This information is given to Edison who will replace the light bulbs.**

- Asked how burglars are getting into homes? **Lt. Bloom advised some are getting in by kicking in the front door, by entering through unlocked doors and unlocked windows, and by entering open garages. The more difficult you make it; the less you will get burglarized.**
- Asked if bars are allowed on windows? **Code Enforcement Supervisor, Mike Lee, advised bars on bedroom windows must have a safety latch on them in case of a fire or other emergencies. You do not have to have a latch on living room and bathroom windows.**
- Asked what to do about vacant homes that have been gutted? **Lt. Bloom advised residents to call code enforcement at 350-7623. Code Enforcement Supervisor, Mike Lee, took the information following the meeting.**
- Ask what age are the children that are usually taken advantage of by sex offenders? **Officer Bechtold advised anyone less than 17 years of age. Younger children are usually targeted more than older children.**
- Asked how many sex offenders are living in our City compared to other Cities? **Officer Bechtold advised about 253. Most of the City's sex registrants and parolees live in the motels along Foothill from Rialto to Rancho Cucamonga, because there are no schools or parks in this area. Some of them also live on Valley because of the same conditions. The Multiple Enforcement Team Unit (Gang Officers and Bicycle Officers) are familiar with the parolees and sex registrants, because they check on them regularly. The City has no "high risk" sex offenders (offenders who must register every 90 days).**
- Asked how accurate the information is on the Megan's Law website? **Officer Bechtold advised the information is up-dated every 24 hours. The Megan's Law website staff decides which registrants' address gets listed on the website.**
- Asked if the Megan's Law website is used in other states other than California? **Officer Bechtold advised each state has its own website, and are identified by different names.**
- A resident advised that in the past sex registrants can not turn on their porch lights on Halloween. **Officer Bechtold advised convicted sex offenders can not have their porch lights on or hand out candy to children on Halloween.**
- Asked if you need a background check to be an ice cream truck driver? **Officer Bechtold advised that you need a background check and a business license permit to operate an ice cream truck in the City. Advised some outside ice cream truck drivers come into our City, but the Police Officers are diligent about stopping ice cream truck drivers and asking to see their business license permit.**

- Asked how many parolee houses are in Sierra Lakes? **Officer Bechtold advised there are no parolee houses, but a there is a possibly of one halfway house or adult group home (unconfirmed-from him responding there on unrelated calls).**
- Asked what is the radius a convicted sex offender's house must be away from schools? **Officer Bechtold advised in reference to Jessica's Law, those convicted after 11/08/06 fall under Jessica's Law and may not reside within 2000 feet of schools or where children normally congregate. This last part is obviously vague. Jessica's law is still under litigation and per the D.A.'s office we currently have little to no authority to enforce it until case law is established and/or the law is revised as it may be unconstitutional. Jessica's law is not retroactive for those convicted prior to 11/08/06.**
- Advised the security lights do not turn on at dusk, people put graffiti on the benches and play equipment, and the water does not come on after 10:00pm at the small neighborhood park in Sierra Lakes, . **Erik Garwick, Supervisor of Park and Recreation, advised residents to call 350-GONE to report graffiti. He took the information following the meeting.**

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JANUARY 20, 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 JANUARY 19, 2009 TO:**

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