

City of Fontana
Fontana Police Department

TO: All attendees of the Area 1 West Community Meeting
FROM: Lt. George Bloom, Area Commander Beat 1
DATE: October 6, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of October 6, 2008

Fontana Community Clean-up and Recycling Day will be held on Saturday, October 25th, 2008 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Residents can bring in items that do not fit in their refuse bins or are illegal to place in the bins, such as electronic waste. This is free to Fontana residents. You must bring your Burrtec refuse bill with you. The drop-off location is West Valley MRF, located at 13373 Napa Street. For questions please call 350-6760.

Lieutenant George Bloom

Responsible for Area 1; consisting of the area north of the 210 freeway. Lieutenant Bloom has been in law enforcement for 25 years; three years with the Los Angeles County Sheriff, and the last 22 years with Fontana PD. During his tenure with Fontana PD he has worked in the Patrol Division, Detective Bureau, Background Unit and served on the Major Narcotics County Wide Task Force, and is now the Area Commander for Area 1.

Lieutenant Bloom encouraged citizens in Area 1 to contact him at any time. There is no need to wait until a Community Meeting is being held. Lieutenant Bloom can be reached via phone at 350-7706 or via email at gbloom@fontana.org.

Lieutenant Bloom reminded citizens that there is a lot of information on the city website at www.fontana.org.

Lieutenant Bloom went over statistics for Area 1, as follows:

Residential Burglaries

- 16 for the 3rd quarter of 2008 (Of these 16, four of the homes were vacant)
- 14 for the prior (2nd) quarter of 2008
- 16 for the same time last year (2007)

Vehicle Burglaries

- 54 for the 3rd quarter of 2008 (Of these 54, 28 were located at commercial sites (52%), of that 28, 19 were at gyms (35%))
- 63 for the prior (2nd) quarter of 2008
- 51 for the same time last year (2007)
- 183 total vehicle burglaries year to date 2008 (up 33% over prior year)
- 123 for the same period in 2007

Lieutenant Bloom reminds citizens not to leave personal belongings in their cars, especially in plain sight.

Grand Theft Auto (Stolen Vehicles)

- 16 for the 3rd quarter of 2008 (Of these 16, 3 were parked at commercial establishments)
- 16 for the prior (2nd) quarter of 2008
- 16 for the same time last year (2007)
- 47 total stolen vehicles year to date 2008 (up 6% over prior year)
- 44 for the same period in 2007
- There are over 100 vehicles stolen per month throughout the city.

Robberies

- 2 for the 3rd quarter of 2008 (Bank of America had one robbery when a client was making a deposit at the ATM, and one attempt robbery. Kohl's had one robbery and Target had one attempt robbery.)
- 3 for the prior (2nd) quarter of 2008
- 2 for the same time last year (2007)
- 8 total robberies year to date 2008 (down 27% over prior year)
- 11 for the same period in 2007

Detective Steve Bechtold

Fontana Police Department has created a PC 290 detective position. The detective is responsible for developing and implementing the PISO (Patrol Intervention of Sex Offenders) program. This program initiated a proactive approach to the police department's compliance in Jessica's Law. Detective Bechtold is responsible for sex offender compliance city wide.

There are 253 registered sex offenders in the city. Those that are PC 290 registrants are convicted sex offenders. Most of the offenders in the city are in compliance, which means they must register with the law enforcement agency in the city they reside annually within five days before or after their birthday. They must provide their residential and work addresses, as well as any secondary addresses where can be found frequently (other family members or girlfriend, etc.). Additionally, if they move out of Fontana they are required to notify Fontana when and where they are moving to, and notify the local law enforcement agency in the city where they are moving to.

Detective Bechtold provided the web address for Megan's Law; <http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov>.

Jessica's Law: California voters approved Proposition 83 in 2006 which increased penalties for violent and habitual sex offenders and child molesters. This law prohibits sex offenders from living within 2,000 feet of schools and parks. It requires GPS (Global Positioning System) monitoring of registered sex offenders for their lifetime.

The government attempts to contact sex offenders twice a year (a minimum) by mail; and random compliance checks are made.

Fontana PD has provided department wide training for officers on sex offender compliance and intervention.

Every six months Fontana patrol officers contact PC 290 registrants to confirm and ensure compliance.

Detective Bechtold encourages citizens to be observant. If you notice something that does not appear right call the police department. Know your neighbors. Know who your children are with. Don't allow overly kind people you don't know well, care for your children. Become informed. Child predators are just that . . . predators.

Detective Steve Bechtold can be reached by calling 356-7168 or via email at sbechtold@fontana.org.

Jason Hendrix and Damien Terrones

Jason and Damien are coordinators for the new Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center at Fontana Park. They invite everyone to attend the Grand Opening of Fontana Park on Saturday, October 25th, 2008 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Fontana Park is located at 15556 Summit Avenue at Lytle Creek Road and Summit Avenue. The grand opening activities include live entertainment, demonstrations, give-aways, free swimming exhibitions, food and 38 acres of activities. For more information regarding the grand opening call 428-8360 or visit www.fontana.org.

In addition to Jason and Damien the staff to serve you at the center is Karen Gerber, Supervisor, Kathy Lundy, Administrative Aide and Coordinator Mallory King.

Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center

The Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center staff will collaborate and partner with outside organizations to establish working relationships with schools, churches, and local businesses. The Community Outreach will include: neighborhood meeting attendance, attending back to school special event nights/days, attend local church functions, continue to expand area 3 satellite programs to local businesses, schools, and parks, and attend and meet on a regular basis with PTA organizations, and FUSD teacher association meetings.

Programs being offered Jessie Turner Health and Fitness Center are:

- Multi Purpose Room; Kickbox Fit, Yoga Fusion/PreNatal Yoga, Toddler Boot Camp, Elementary Age Boot Camp, Gymnastics and Cheer, Mommy and Me Fitness, Youth, Adult and Women's only Brazilian Jiu Jitsu,

Beginning through Advanced Karatedo, Conversational Spanish, Acting Lessons and Photography.

- Dance/Aerobics Room: Line Dancing, East and West Coast Swing, Ballroom and Social Dance, Hip Hop and Krump, Belly Dancing, Ballet Folklorico, Spinning Classes, Creative Movement, Boxing Boot Camp, Latin Dance-Cardio Style, Fencing (Youth and Adult – all equipment furnished), and Ballet Classes.
- Resource Center: Web Design, Mathematic Applications, Introduction to Microsoft Applications, Resume Writing.
- Tiny Tots Room: Special programs for tiny tots.
- Special Events: Chillz and Thrillz Halloween Events will be held on October 31st and Breakfast with Santa during the Christmas season. There will also be Video Game Tournaments, and at the new Skate Park Extreme X-Days.
- Gymnasium:
 - Youth through Adult Drop in Basketball.
 - Pee Wee and Youth Sports including; Pee Wee Basketball, Youth Basketball, Sports Camps, and Sports Clinics.
 - Teen and Adult Sports including; Adult Volleyball, Adult Basketball, and Teen Basketball

Also located at Jessie Turner Center there is a state of the art banquet facility and a corporate conference room.

Aquatic Center

The aquatic center includes a competition pool, instructional pool, wet play, slide tower, and aquatics building. The aquatics staff to serve you is Rafael Gonzalez, Supervisor, and coordinators Jennifer Bridges and Christina Enriquez.

Competition Pool

- Adult Lap Swim
- Lunch Time Lap Swim
- Water Aerobics
- Adults with Disabilities
- Seniors
- Master Program
- Tri-Athlete Teams
- Summit High School Swim and Water Polo Teams
- Swim Teams

Lesson Pool

- Swim Lessons
- Parent and Me
- Toddler
- Water Walking

- Therapeutic Exercising

Aquatics Classroom:

- In House and Community Trainings
- Adult, Child and Infant
- CPR and AED Trainings
- Water Safety Instructor Training
- Pool Operator Courses
- Water Polo Fundamentals
- Swim Team Fundamentals
- Title 22 Emergency
- Response Training

Dog Park:

- Programs: Dog Obedience, Large Dog Area and Small Dog Area
- Events: Halloween Howl, K9 Christmas, K9 Idol and K9 Easter Egg Hunt

Skate Park:

- The City of Fontana has contracted with California Skate Park Alliance to provide supervision of the new skate park at Fontana Park.
- Monthly and annual memberships will be available.
- Home for the 1st annual Extreme X Days Event.
- Future site for regional extreme sports competitions.

City Councilmember Janice Rutherford

She is looking forward to the grand opening of Fontana Park, especially the play area for toddlers that will be enjoyed by her little son.

Beginning in November and continuing for about six months, the city council chambers will be under renovation. The city council meetings will be held at the Lewis Library in the Steelworker's Auditorium during this time. If you are unable to attend city council meetings you can the meetings online through live streaming video. To get access to the link that takes you directly to the meetings, go to:

http://www.fontana.org/main/city_clerk/meeting_agendas/council/council_agendas_new.htm

The Fontana Center Stage Dinner Theater is now open and a wonderful local establishment to enjoy an evening out. Tickets for a show also make great gift ideas for family and friends.

Call 429-SHOW (7469) or go to www.centerstagefontana.com for information on tickets and shows.

Mayor Pro-Tem Acquanetta Warren

San Bernardino County Supervisor Paul Biane will host Home Foreclosure Prevention Seminar on Saturday, October 18th from 8:30 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Scheu Family YMCA of Upland located at 1150 E. Foothill Boulevard. There will be experts and specialists in attendance that will provide information on how to stay out of foreclosure. For more information go to www.mysbchouse.com.

The City Council will be meeting soon with three large banks to get them to encourage them to work with the city on taking care of foreclosed properties.

If there is a home in your neighborhood with a brown lawn and you want to help keep the property values up, you and your neighbors may want to mow and water the grass, trim shrubs and pull weeds to keep the property looking decent. One important note; do not turn the water on at the foreclosed property as you have no way of knowing if there are any problems in the home and may cause water damage inside, up to and including flooding. You'll need to use the water at the nearest neighbor's home, if this is something you and your neighbors want to undertake.

Also, if you notice any squatters using or living at the foreclosed property be sure to call the city's Code Compliance Unit at 350-7623.

If your neighborhood does not yet have a neighborhood watch group, consider starting one. Call Amber Smith at 350-7710 for more information.

Traffic Officer Josh MacMillan

Officer MacMillan responded to a question regarding parking in the Hunter's Ridge area. It is okay to park on the street as long as vehicles are parked legally and do not exceed parking in the same spot for more than 72 hours. Vehicles parked illegally or more than 72 hours will be subject to citing.

During the week of October 20th, 2008 the PD will be focused on vehicles who are not obeying the law in regards to school busses.

The PD was awarded a grant from the state enabling DUI check points and driver license checks once a month beginning in November 2008 for a total of nine months. The sites will be listed in the newspaper in advance of the check points.

Citizen Request

It was requested that traffic units be posted to slow down and cite speeders at Cherry and Bridlepath.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JANUARY 12, 2009. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 P.M. AT D.W. LONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5383 BRIDLEPATH, FONTANA, CA 92336).

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY
JANUARY 8, 2009 TO:**

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