

**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: January 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 7, 2008

Lieutenant Bloom

- Introductions

Chief Rod Jones

- Advise he use to be the Area Commander for this area.
- Advised he handed out his cards that have his direct phone number and email on it. The only way the Area Commander program can be successful is because we all work together the community and city departments.
- Advised we come to you with these community meeting as an additional way to get information out to the community and also to hear the concerns of the community.
- Advised he has been at the department for 27 years and grew up in this community.

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- 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 is looking for Fontana 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 loose everything and not get compensated because of the lock bumping keys.
 - ❖ With the digital underworld abuzz about the new lock bumping threat, safety experts says 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.

Councilmember Scialdone

- The Fontana Library grand opening is April 19th.
- Summit High School is holding the Relay for Life on May 3rd. Fontana is one of the best areas for the Relay for life and encourages everyone to put a team together.
- The week of May 3rd the Moving Memorial Vietnam Wall will be in the city, this is a great opportunity for the community.
- The Fontana Park might be open at the end of June.

Lieutenant Bloom

- Asked what everyone would like to have at these meetings, if there were any ideas or topics they would like to talk about.
 - Would like to see more about drug busts in the area or drugs in the area
 - The rate of drug arrests in the community.
 - Asked about a presentation of how many pedophiles we have in the community. **(The police cannot disclose names or locations of offenders, but can supply the public with the tools to find out).**

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Concerns of Hunter's Ridge Residents:

- Asked if there were more residential burglaries in the day or night. ***Lt. Bloom advised there are more residential burglaries during the day when more people are at work.***
- Asked if burglars are breaking in while people are home. ***Lt. Bloom advised the majority of burglars are breaking in while no one is home.***
- Asked if many burglars go in through the 2nd floor. ***Lt. Bloom advised there is not many that go through the 2nd floor.***
- Asked if the Police Department patrols private parking lots. ***Lt. Bloom advised officers will drive around and look out for anything suspicious. Officers had***

arrested some guy burglarizing vehicles in the 24 Hour Fitness parking lot, officers were just driving by and saw him looking very suspicious.

- *Asked if there were any home invasion robberies. Lt. Bloom advised occasionally, but they are not often. He could only remember 1 or 2 over the last several years that occurred in Hunters Ridge or Summit Heights.*
- *Asked what is the difference between robbery and burglary is. Lt. Bloom advised robbery is property taken from a person, by force or fear. Burglary is entering a dwelling with the intent to take something.*
- *Advised they just purchased a home at Coyote Canyon and Road Runner and it's really dark, is there any plan to add lighting. Andrew Belter with Public Works advised the project is not complete yet and it still belongs to the developer by the time the city gets the properties the developer will already have the lighting complete in that area. It has to be to city standards by the time the project is complete.*
- *Advised on his street there are two street lights that are out and since the lights have been out, there have been two crimes in those locations. Chief Jones advised the street light has a number approximately 6 feet above the ground get that number and call it into 350-OUTT or you can go on the Police Department website and report it or report it directly to Edison.*
- *A couple of times there have been people racing up and down the streets, what are residents suppose to do. Lt. Bloom advised to call the police department when that is happening.*
- *Asked if there's an update about the renaming of Cherry Avenue. Councilmember Scialdone advised there has been no application filed yet. All that was just talk; there has been no formal process that has been started in regards the renaming of Cherry Avenue.*
- *Asked when the park on Summit will be complete. Scialdone advised hopefully at the end of June.*
- *Asked if the website explains what the Fontana Park Center will have. Scialdone advised it will have basketball courts, an Olympic size pool, skate/bike park, dog park etc. There are many amenities.*
- *Advised on Christmas the power went out asked if there was any explanation for that. A resident in the audience advised she works for Edison and it was because there was a power pole that was down.*
- *Advised he is curious if the officers have been successful in apprehending a lot of dumpster divers. Lt. Bloom advised yes and no. They are difficult to catch Officers are actively reminded on trash day to enforcing those codes.*
- *Asked if there are any more halfway houses in the area. Lt. Bloom advised there are none that he knows of. Chief Jones advised if it's a parolee home they have to have a conditional use permit from the city. If the house has more than 2 renters, boarding house permits must have been given by the city. If you have an address you suspect might be a halfway house please let Lt. Bloom know and we'll look into it.*

- Asked if the police department had dealt with identity theft in the area. *Lt. Bloom advised identity theft is everywhere. Many times identity is taken from mail theft. (Secure you mail boxes and watch your credit)*
- Advised one day the mail carrier left the mail on top of the mail boxes asked if there is anything that can be done about that. *Lt. Bloom advised to called the Post office and report that.*
- Asked if the overpass at Duncan Pass will have an on and off ramp. *Scialdone advised yes it will.*
- Asked if the other side of the freeway is still going to have businesses there. *Scialdone advised the city has purchased that property and it will probably be hotels, offices and residential area, however with the economy everything with development will be pushed back about 18-36 months.*
- Asked if the police department encourages being on Cops. *Chief Jones advised they have rode with us in the past and we recently had a request from them to come ride with us again and we said thank you but no.*
- The lighting on Cherry the north of the 210, south of Summit it's very dark and you can't even see the markings on the road. *Chief Jones advised we will take a look at it.*
- Asked if we have volunteers doing vacation patrol. *Chief Jones advised yes we do. We have a very active volunteer group and they go out anywhere from once to three times a week.*
- Asked if there is a code regarding trailers parked and hanging out on the sidewalk. *Lt. Bloom advised there is a code. A trailer has to be parked on private property not blocking sidewalks.*
- Advised with identity theft make sure you shred your mail and other paperwork with your information on it.
- Asked if Burtec does not come out on windy days. *Chief Jones advised Burtec has a windy day policy they will pick up the trash either the next day or the following week.*
- Advised he lives in Panorama and he uses bungee chords to tie his lid to his trash can down when it's a windy day and Burtec will take them off.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS April 7, 2008. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM AT D.W. LONG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (5383 BRIDLEPATH, Fontana CA 92336)

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY APRIL 6, 2008 TO:

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