

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 1 West Community Meeting
FROM: Lt. Gary Aulis, Area Commander Beat 1
DATE: January 13, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2009

Lieutenant Aulis

- Advised Lt. Bloom underwent neck surgery and will be out for several months. During that time that Lt. Bloom is off, Lt. Aulis will be the Area Commander for Area 1. If you have any questions or need to get a hold of him his phone number is the same that Lt. Bloom's phone number was (909) 350-7706.
- Apologized because he really didn't have much information on the area because he has only been coving the area for 9 days.
- Also apologized because the officer who was supposed to do a presentation tonight on the Graffiti Tracker did not show up.
- Introductions-Jerry Perez (Public Works), Kathy Weber (Traffic Engineering), Richard Brooks (Public Works), Lt. Chris Tronaas, Mike Lee (Code Compliance), Albert (Community Services), Rafael Gonzales (Community Services), Mayor Nuaimi, Councilmember Warren.
- Advised the purpose of the Area Commander Program is to provide better services to the community by partnering with the community. It gives the community a point of contact with the city, if you have a problem you do not know who you can talk to you can call your area commander. Email is the most efficient way to get a hold of him if you have a question.
- Advised the city is divided up into 4 areas. Area 1 is everything north of the 210 freeway and is covered by Lt. Aulis. Area 2 is from the 210 freeway to Foothill Blvd, which is covered by Lt. Rodriguez. Area 3 is from Foothill Blvd to the 10 Freeway that is covered by Lt. Tronaas. Area 4 is everything south of the 10 freeway and that is covered by Lt. Stover.
- Advised at these meetings he usually schedules a presentation so if there is anything you would like to see or learn more about please let him know.
- Resources- www.fontana.org has tons of good information including the "Who Ya Gonna Call" form. On that website there is a link to the police department's website which has information on the police department services to include the CAP Program which offers low and no cost services, the minutes from the community meetings. It also has a link to report abandoned vehicles, graffiti, street lights which are not working, and abandoned shopping carts.
- Calls for Service since November 1st to January 12, 2009:
 1. Traffic Stops
 2. Vehicle Check

- For actual crime reports, the most reported was Auto burglaries there was 37 since November 1st which made up 1.43 % of the calls for service for area 1.
- As for Identity theft there was 26 calls and fraud had 29 calls.
- Advised the police department does not respond to alarm calls unless they are verified, this allows our officers more time to pull traffic stops and do more proactive stuff.
- On January 15th at the Lewis Library and Technology Center there will be a celebration for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday.
- Every 1st Friday of the month is Cruise night downtown Fontana on Spring Street.

Mayor Mark Nuaimi

- Advised we are battling the Fontana Water Company again. The Fontana Water Company is a private for Profit Company. Over the past 7 years there has been a 50% to 70% increase in the water bill and they are requesting an additional 36% increase of the next three years.
- Advised the Fontana Water Company had a \$3 million project which now they are asking for \$18 millions for that project and they get 10 % of the profit for every dollar from that project.
- Advised the cards are stacked against us while we fight the Fontana Water Company. We currently have an active case against them with the PUC. Please contact the PUC with your concerns. Advised the electric bill is the number 1 highest bill a household pays the 2nd highest is now the water bill and it should not be like that.
- Advised state law prohibits the city to take over the water company. Advised these price increases are going to affect the city landscaping maintenance districts, along with schools and business, not to mention the residents of Fontana. We need an out pouring of vocal community members letting the PUC know exactly how you feel about the increases.
- We are in tough economic times right now, however we were one of a handful of communities whose sales tax increased last year. This could however be a 5 to 7 year turn around.
- This June we will lose another \$5 million of the Utility tax to our general fund.
- Advised the State will be taking about \$7 million from our redevelopment fund, you will see impacts to projects such as the Duncan Canyon/Coyote Canyon Onramp so now it will have a possible 2011 construction date.
- Advised there was a recent article in the newspaper speaking about the city requesting bailout money for bad investments. Advised some of the low risk investments the city made bankrupt over night and the city lost \$10 million. We are hoping Senator Feinstein will return some of those funds back to the city.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Hunter's Ridge Residents:

- Asked if there were a lot of foreclosures in the city of Fontana or in Hunter's Ridge. ***Mayor Nuaimi advised in Hunter's Ridge no, but in Fontana yes. Out of the 7000 homes which were sold since 2000 50% to 60% of those will be in foreclosure very soon.***

- Advised she has been here since Hunter's Ridge was first developed and advised he has been the best Mayor and has got a lot done for the city.
- Asked if there were any plans of changing the Summit exit off the 15 freeway from one lane to two for the right turning lane.
- Asked in regards to Jessica's Law asked if the city has taken any steps to notify the neighborhoods when a serious offender is released from prison on parole, such as Apple Valley has in regards to their Municipal Codes. *Lt. Aulis advised there is no ranking for sex offenders anymore which makes things more difficult for the police department. As far as Jessica's Law it's caught up in the court system and there has been a question raised as to who is going to pay for the GPS tracking system and who will be monitoring it. We currently have a detective dedicated to working on sex offender cases and making sure they are in compliance and they get in contact with each one twice a year. Advised the Police Department has worked with the District Attorney to smooth out the process of prosecuting the sex offenders who are out of compliance of their terms. With Apple Valley they started putting photos in the news papers, we have discussed that however we have not done that as of yet. With the Megan's Law Website we don't have to notify the community because that will be there for people to check. The Police Department use to be proactive with Serious Offenders however with the ranking being taken away we are not able to distinguish the high risk offenders to the lower risk offenders.*
- Advised the house across the street from her has been foreclosed on and they left all their belongings on the lawn and it has been like this for two weeks asked who they should call regarding this problem. *Officer MacMillan advised you should contact code compliance. Mike Lee with Code Compliance advised her to get in touch with him after the meeting and give him an address and he'll check it out.*
- Asked what and when the construction will be completed next to the Nissan Dealer. *Mayor Nuaimi advised we have an auto overlay, it was suppose to be Shafer Kia however they are no longer in business and Rock Honda was suppose to move up there however they are not going to move up there quite yet. Advised the South part of South Highland to Baseline was suppose to be the Promenade with restricted building sizes however with the economy the turn around time for that project to get started is about 4 to 5 more years.*
- Advised about 6 weeks ago at a friends house there was a knock on the door at about 11:30 at night. Her friend looked out the peep hole and saw a man with a hooded sweatshirt on and she didn't know who it was so she didn't answer the door, she went upstairs and she noticed that man go around the corner and talk to someone else then they went into her back yard and broke the rear window, advised her friend was on the phone with police at this time. Advised she saw on the news that this is happening all over not just in Fontana. *Lt. Aulis advised that is a very common MO, the best thing for anyone to do in that situation is not to answer the door but you can yell through the door to find out what they would like. You can also leave your porch light off and when they knock turn it on that way they know someone is home because they do not want to go inside a house when someone is there.*
- Advised we have a city code that when the street sweeper comes around cars are not allowed to be parked on the street, however that code is no longer being enforced.

Mayor Nuaimi advised that code was very problematic and rather than us enforce that and have an officer or a parking enforcer go around following the street cleaner daily we rely on the community to inform your neighbors that the street cleaner will be coming around and to please move their vehicles off the street. If there is a vehicle on your street that never moves give the police department a call.

- Asked if there was anywhere where they could get the information on the street cleaner, such as a schedule. *Mayor Nuaimi advised the information is on our website you can get the link to the Public works website and often times that information is in the city magazine.*
- Asked if maybe the city can put out those electronic signs as a reminder to the community about street cleaning. *Councilmember Warren advised all you need to remember is that it's the day after trash day.*
- Asked due to the economic distress if there will be a loss of any services. *Mayor Nuaimi advised as of right now he can not answer that question because it's to be determined because we do not know exactly how much the state will be taking from us.*
- Advised she has seen a lot of street lights out, asked if we have any volunteers who go out and keep track of the out street lights. *Mayor Nuaimi advised we do have a volunteer group who goes out twice a year and does street light sweeps however if you see a street light which is not functioning please go on the website and report it to Edison and also call it into the hotline (909) 350-OUTT.*
- Asked what the procedure of getting locking community mailboxes for their neighborhood is. *Mayor Nuaimi advised you will have to go to the post office to get information on that.*
- Asked if we can limit the usage of water on the center medians because she drove by the other day and the water was going everywhere. *Mayor Nuaimi advised all of those systems are on an irrigation satellite system however it does not shut off due to winds but it was determine the moisture there and shut off if it's not needed. The only real solution for that problem would be to change it to hardscape rather than having trees and grass there. We wanted to do a reclaimed water system for the center medians and parks and other landscaping within the city however the Fontana Water Company threatened to sue us if we did.*
- Asked if there is going to be fireworks allowed in the city this year. *Mayor Nuaimi advised 3 years ago the city council decided to do away with fireworks and gave the nonprofit organization time to wing off of the profit from running the firework booths, however they didn't figure out away to raise funds by other means and the firework companies had a petition going around and they did collect enough signatures and the city council voted 3 to 2 to adopt their ordinance.*
- Asked if Hunter's Ridge could possibly be an area where fireworks are not allowed to be set off due to the fire hazards. *Mayor Nuaimi advised he believed the ordinance calls out an area where the fireworks could not be sold however there are no limitations on where the fireworks can be set off and we can not change that ordinance since it had enough signatures and was adopted by the city council. Councilmember Warren advised she is going to propose a rewards program for turning in people who have illegal fireworks.*

- Advised with the last fire we had in October he was notified from a neighbor at about 3 am to possibly evacuate the area, asked if there was a procedure of notifying the community when something like this happens. *Mayor Nuaimi advised we are getting a system called reverse 911 which will be able to notify specific areas and neighborhoods when there are dangers in the area that should be getting deployed this year sometime.*
- Asked if there was a completion date for the Duncan Canyon Street Project.
- Asked if there was a City Council member assigned to certain areas of the city. *Mayor Nuaimi advised no there is not.*
- Advised behind the Centex homes they put up a 10 foot block wall and there is a 30 to 40 foot easement which is collecting weeds and debris and is a fire hazard, who is responsible for taking care of this area.
- Made a suggestion that on windy days he puts tape on the lid of his trash cans to keep the lid down so the trash doesn't end up flying everywhere and when the truck picks it up they turn it upside down and shake it and that usually releases the tape. However Burtec is not supposed to pick up trash when the winds reach a certain speed.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS April 7, 2009. 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, 2009 TO:

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