

**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: April 9, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of April 7, 2008

Lieutenant Bloom

- Introductions

Mayor's Roundtable Meeting

- Where do we find ourselves
 - Strengths
 - Financial Strengths
 - Added Tremendous talent to our team
 - Financial Strengths
 - Assed Valuation
 - \$14.65 Billion, in 2007 the city gained over \$3 billion in one year.
 - Sales Tax is a strong base
 - 2006-2007 \$25 million
 - 2007-2008 \$28 million
 - Fontana was recognized as 100 best communities to live in for youth in America.
 - The trade area within a 10 mile radius is \$67,000 per house hold with a \$2 billion trade area.
 - All of Fontana is now an economic engine
 - Kaiser is going to start reconstructing their hospital which is a \$2 billion redevelopment.
 - California Speedway
 - The city has Costco, 2 Home Depots, a Lowes, Circuit City, San Antonio Medical offices, Office Max and an Apple Bee's.
 - Currently going to be adding 3 hotels, the Hilton Garden, Holiday Inn Express, and Holiday Inn Select.
 - The Auto Center last year added Rotolo, now Shafer Kia is moving there along with Rock Honda who will be submitting plans in 90 days to move up there.
 - The city of Fontana will be getting more restaurants also.
 - Weaknesses
 - Economy is slowing down
 - Aging infrastructure and Congested Corridors
 - Economy Slowing down

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.
- 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.
- Announcements:
 - Lewis Library and Technology Center Grand Opening is April 19, 2008, from 10 to 5 pm.
 - Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in the city May 1st through the 5th.
 - Community Clean Up day is April 12th and is free for Fontana Residents.
 - Fontana Day's 5K run is coming up if you would like to run there is more information on the City of Fontana website. (Fontana.org)
- Department and Area statistics:
 - Residential Burglaries have gone down. For the past 3 months there was an average of two per month for the whole area 1.
 - Vehicle Burglaries are up compared to last year. 50% occurred in commercial areas such as the target parking lot or 24 hour fitness parking lot. 50% were parked in front of their house. About 80% of all burglaries were because the victim left something in their vehicle.
 - Vehicle thefts are averaging 5 a month for Area 1 which is down from last quarter. For the whole city there are probably around 85 a month.
 - Robberies are also down to an average of 1 a month. Advised they caught one robbery suspect.

Joyce - Animal Control

- The basic goal of the Animal Control is to use municipal codes to be safe and make sure your days are not disturbed by neighborhood pets.
- Up in Hunter's Ridge you are in wildlife area and you have snakes, coyotes, big cats, possums, and bats in this area. Possums and Bats may not seem like it but they are very helpful to your area.
- Animal Control likes to educate people on what to do if you see one of these wild animals.

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Concerns of Hunter's Ridge Residents:

- Asked regarding the statistics were there any shooting in the area. ***Lt. Bloom advised he don't track shootings but he also don't remember seeing any when he pulled the stats.***
- Advised there were a lot of vehicle burglaries in Coyote Canyon and asked if there was any resolution to those cases. ***Lt. Bloom advised in February there was a rash of these burglaries, the police department took every one they could to go to that area to see if they can get any leads, advised we got a lot of information but no arrests.***

- Asked if there were any specifics on home burglaries. ***Lt. Bloom advised there was no violence, sometimes there might be someone still in the house when the owners get home but usually there is no violence.***
- Asked what the connection between vacant homes and drugs is. ***Lt. Bloom advised our Narcotics division is working several cases in the area regarding vacant houses and drug connections.***
- Advised a neighbor had called the police because there was someone in the neighbors shed, when the police got there they said they was nothing they could do and left the man in the shed. ***Lt. Bloom advised her to talk to him after the meeting.***
- Asked if there were any sex offenders in the area. ***Lt. Bloom advised to go to Megan's law website.***
- Advised there is one across from the park, asked if the law was that they couldn't live within 1000 to 2000 feet from a school or park. ***Lt. Bloom advised that law is held up in court right now. We will get more information out about that when it's official.***
- Advised there are a couple of snakes in his backyard, does the animal control provide cages to catch them. ***Joyce Goslin advised they do not provide cages however they will educated you to know if it's a dangerous snake. A garden hose works really well because snakes don't like to be cold.***
- Asked if there is a population problem with squirrels. ***Joyce Goslin advised the population of squirrels is under control by the hawks. If you need to use pesticides around your house please call animal control to find out which ones are not harmful to hawks. Advised in the wild life area we have to keep the natural balance in order.***
- Asked about licensing pets. ***Joyce Goslin advised you can do licensing at city hall or the city shelter.***
- Asked if there was a limit to how many dogs a household can have. ***Joyce advised a household limit is 3 dogs over 4 months old.***
- Asked the limit of cats per household. ***Joyce advised the limit for cats is also 3.***
- Asked what the process is of barking dogs. ***Joyce advised generally the animal control asks you to talk to your neighbor and suggest in a positive manner that maybe they can get training or a barking collar for the dog. Or you can just give Animal Control a call, they will send out a letter to the owner and to you. The letter they get explains ways they can get their dog to be quiet. If the barking continues we ask that you call back in a reasonable amount of time and at that time Animal control will ask you to keep a log of when the dog barks. After you mail in that log they will go out and cite the owner of the dog to court. You will have to go to court to testify because the city of Fontana can not be a victim in a dog barking case. Then the judge will hear both sides and usually order the owner to do such and such to keep the dog quiet. If that don't quiet the dog up usually the judge orders that the dog be removed from the property.***

- Asked what the biggest problem is in Hunter's Ridge for the Animal Control. **Joyce Goslin advised the wild life is the biggest problem**
- Asked if there was a lot of wild life in this area. **Joyce Goslin advised yes there is there are coyotes, 1 big cat, squirrels, possums and bats.**
- Asked what kind of big cat. **Joyce Goslin advised a cougar.**
- Asked if there were any bear sightings. **Joyce Goslin advised no, if we do see a bear down here we have a big problem, it's probably because someone scared it down here.**
- Asked if it was true that wild life like coyotes only come out around dusk or dawn. **Joyce Goslin advised that is normally but we do have a few urban coyotes who you will see out around 4 or 5 and stay out until 11 or so.**
- Asked if there was a skunk problem in the area. **Joyce advised no there is not a problem with skunks here however there are some but not a lot.**
- Asked if there were any plans to widen Cherry from the 210 to summit between Beech and Wilson. **Lt. Bloom advised that is part of Rancho Area. Jerry Perez with Public Works advised he will get that info and contact them.**
- Asked if Cherry south of the 10 freeway to Slover is City. **Lt. Bloom advised that is city area. Jerry Perez advised there is a sewer trunk line along with a widening project in that area and it should be completed soon.**
- Advised Northbound Cherry from Slover onto Cherry there are big rig truck always causing grid lock there. **Officer Reed from the Traffic unit advised the Traffic unit is aware of the problem but hopefully with the widening of Cherry and the Cypress overpass that should relieve some of the congestion in that area.**
- Advised she just moved here off of Deer and advised when you Mapquest her address it tells you to make a u-turn at Foxridge but there is a sign there that says no u-turn, asked if that was a new sign. **Officer Reed advised that sign has been there for years and all signs should be obeyed.**
- Advised at the park there is a metal thing sticking out of the ground. **Dan West from public works advised he will look into it.**
- Advised at Cherry and Foxworth there is a light that is too close the street light and should be removed.
- Advised they city increased the mello-roos to up keep Hunter's Ridge, however there is a lot of problems with landscaping, mainly Cherry to Bridal Path. **Dan advised those areas will be addressed and renovated.**
- Asked if there was anyone who monitors street light outages. **Dan West of Public Works advised it's a collaborative effort. The street lights belong to Edison and all we can do is report which one is out. Lt. Bloom advised you can report an out street light on the Police Department's website. Jerry Perez advised sometimes it takes longer than expected for Edison to come out and fix the light because it may not be a bulb issue but an issue underground that they have to contract for to get it fixed.**

- Advised there has been graffiti on the electrical box outside of the school and it seems like no one is call on it. ***Lt. Bloom advised you can also report graffiti on the police department's website.***
- Advised the street light in front of her house was out and she called it in and Edison came out within two weeks to fix it.
- Advised he recently moved to Coyote Canyon and asked what was up with Coyote Canyon. ***Jerry Perez advised Coyote Canyon is going to be widened and they will be adding an overpass.***
- Asked if anything different was going to be done with the parking lot of Target because it's really dangerous. ***Dan West advised that is not a city issue because it's on private property however they are currently working with the property manager to take care of that problem. Mike Burgstaler from Public Works advised they just got a work order to help alleviate that problem in that parking lot.***
- Advised across the street from the new fire station on Coyote Canyon there is a street light that needs to be changed to an antique looking one.
- Asked who was responsible for notifying the neighborhood when a sex offender moves into the area. ***Lt. Bloom advised it's up to you to keep yourself notified by checking the Megan's Law Website.***
- Asked if there was any development planned on Coyote Canyon on the east side of the freeway. ***Dan West advised he don't know if that is the city area as of yet but knows they do plan on annexing that area. Lt. Bloom advised he hasn't heard of any plans for that area.***
- Asked if the Mello-roos assessment is the same per household or based on the price of the home. ***Dan West advised the mello-roos is the same for all the households in that area. The assessment is based on how much it will take to maintain the public areas.***

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JULY 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 JULY 6, 2008 TO:

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