

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of Area 2 Center
FROM: Mark Weissmann, Lieutenant
DATE: January 28, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 24, 2008

Lieutenant Weissmann

- Introductions
- Advised he is currently the Area Commander for the area of Foothill to the 210 freeway. Advised the City is broken up into four beats. Beat one is everything north of the 210 freeway. Beat two is from the 210 freeway to Foothill. Beat three is from Foothill to the 10 freeway, and Beat four is everything south of the 10 freeway. Advised this area is in Beat two and if you have any problems feel free to give him a call at 356-7742 or email him at mweissmann@fontana.org.
- Advised the community meetings are an hour and a half long and are over at 8pm. Advised the Area Commander program will be able to address any issues such as a neighbor parking in front of your driveway, graffiti, etc.

Chief Rodney Jones

- Advised the concept of the Area Commander Program was developed by Councilmember Scialdone, it brings the city of Fontana to the community. We are coming to you to answer your questions. Most of the questions the area commanders get don't even pertain to police but rather quality of life issues. The Lieutenants are the chief of that area. They will assist the community in getting things done. If there is something the city can do to improve your quality of life let the Lt. Weissmann know and the city will look into the problem.

Lieutenant Weissmann

- On December 17th Officer Miles Franks passed away from a heart attack. He was a great officer and worked in this area. We put together a recruitment video and he is on the video so he will always be with us. If you would like a copy of the video please see Lt. Weissmann.
- Advised next meeting in this area there will be a new area commander. Advised he is moving on to another assignment within our investigations unit. Sergeant Rodriguez will be promoted to Lieutenant in March and will be taking over Area Commander for area 2.

Sergeant Rodriguez

- Advised the Mayor and the city council proudly announce that Fontana has been named as one of the nation's 100 Best Communities for Young People by America's Promise Alliance. The Alliance was founded in 1997 by General Colin Powell as a result of the 1997 Summit for America and is now the nation's largest multi-sector collaborative dedicated to the well being of youth.
- Advised there are five main goals of the America's Promise Alliance: to provide children with caring adults, safe places, a healthy start, effective education and an opportunity to help others.
- Fontana's application included details about the new Lewis Library and Technology Center, SMART Kids After School program, the School Resource Officer Program, the Nature Discovery Camp Partnership, and the partnerships with FUSD, Boys and Girls Clubs, the Children's Fund, Youth Justice Center, The County Library, and the Jack Bulik Teen Center. Testimonials were also given from some of our local youth explaining why Fontana is one of your nation's 100 Best Communities for young people and opportunities for them here in our community.
- A total of 750 communities entered the 2008 competition and out of that group 300 made it to the final round. Fontana was one of the 100 communities to win. In Southern California Fontana is joined in the winner's circle by Chino, Burbank, and the County of Riverside.
- If you would like more information please visit www.americaspromise.org.

Lieutenant Weissmann

- Calls for Service
 - Morningside
 1. Traffic stops
 2. Alarms residential
 3. Alarms Commercial
 4. Vacation checks
 5. 415 subjects
 6. traffic accidents non injury
 7. Domestic disturbance
 8. Suspicious Vehicles
 9. Suspicious Subjects
 10. Suspicious Circumstances
 - You have to go about 1/3 down the page to get to actual crimes and it's 459 to vehicles. There were 2 reported vehicle burglaries, 2 graffiti reports, 2 batteries, and 1 residential burglary.
 - Landings
 1. Traffic Stops
 2. Medical Aids
 3. Pedestrian Stops

4. Alarm Calls
 5. 911 call (false)
 6. Party Calls
 7. 415 Subjects
 8. Follow Ups
 9. Vehicle Checks
 10. Domestic Calls
 - About a 1/3 of the way down there are 10 arrests, and 6 vehicle burglaries.
- Advised if you need a gun lock Project Child Safe has donated several gun locks to the Fontana Police Department please feel free to take one.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of Area 2 Center residents

- Advised he lives at 7216 Missouri Street and there was a suspicious vehicle parked across the street advised it has been there for 2 days advised the 1st day the person seemed to writing something down. Advised you could not see in the car because the windows were tinted dark but he could hear a radio. Advised he called the police and spoke with officers and officers went out and talked to the person and he left and the officer's left. Wanted an explanation of what the protocol is with officers informing him of who that person was and what he was doing there. *Lt. Weissmann advised not to wait until the meeting to bring issues such as this up. Advised it could have been anything he will have to get more information as to when it happened and he will look into it. Advised if you do not have a Neighborhood Watch call Amber (909) 350-7710 to sign up. There is also a new map on the website that maps out each neighborhood watch group in the city.*
- Asked if the new False Alarm Policy is working. *Lt. Weissmann advised since October 1st we had a total of 2491 calls, 1542 commercial and 949 residential. Officers responded to 751 calls. 694 calls were false, 23 were actual burglaries and 11 were attempts or vandalism. 5 were verified. In the past the number one call for service were alarm calls as you can see by the current stats the officers have more time to work on other types of calls.*
- Advised the alarm must be verified by audio, video or any one witnessing it. Advised some alarms have systems that once the alarm is tripped the audio is turned on and the monitoring company can hear that someone is inside the house, asked if that would be a form of verification. *Lt. Weissmann advised yes that would be considered verified. Advised officers will also respond if there has been suspicious activity in the area within 72 hours. 30% of the time officers are still responding to alarm calls anyways.*
- Advised he called the graffiti hotline and they haven't responded to it on Oleander and San Jacinto, the graffiti is on the street advised it was the same

graffiti that was on a house. Advised the lighting in that area is really bad it's really dark at night asked if more lighting there would make it safer. Advised he also has a picture of the graffiti. *Lt. Weissmann advised we will get with engineering to see if there is enough lighting in that area. Engineering will have to go out to the area and do a survey to see if there is not enough lighting.*

- Advised his neighbor received a notice regarding their portable basketball court; however this notice was not on city stationary asked if this is normal getting a notice of violation that is not on city stationary. *Ted Porlas from Code Compliance advised yes that is normal, usually the Code Inspector will try to make contact with the owner of the basketball Court, if they are unable to make contact then they usually send a notice of violation form which is not on city stationary through the mail. Advised the basketball court has to be on your property not on the street or blocking a sidewalk.*
- Advised he missed the last meeting. Advised there use to be a lot of graffiti that said "Doer" now there is a new one that is all over the place. Advised he wanted to commend the graffiti crew because they do a good job of getting the graffiti taken care of.
- Asked what happens if some gets caught tagging. *Sgt. Rodriguez advised there are 15 MET Officers and two of them are dedicated to graffiti enforcement and they work with other agencies to try to catch people tagging. Advised the hardest part is getting those people identified but once we do we get all the graffiti cases together and the officers actually do a criminal investigation and send them to court all together. "Hopefully Doer is done!"*
- Asked if the court goes after the parents if their child is caught tagging. *Sgt. Rodriguez advised he is unsure if the parents are charged but most of the people we catch tagging are usually adults so in that case they would not go after the parents for any restitution.*
- Advised on Gerhardt and Yeager there is not a stop sign and advised there needs to be a stop sign there. *Lt. Weissmann advised there is a form on the internet under the Engineering Department and you just have to fill that out and send it in.*
- Advised on Highland Avenue between Beech and San Savaine there are two lanes when you are traveling East and you have to merge into one lane just as you are approaching Beech asked why that is there. *Chief Jones advised there was significant amount of construction in that area and the city closed that lane to reduce the noise and disturbance to the residents in that area. Advised we will look into it again.*
- Advised on Beech and Walnut between 3:00 and 3:20 pm people are not stopping to allow kids to cross, they are getting very impatient and some kids might end up getting hit. *Corporal Heaviside advised we do Crosswalk Stings where we get violations of both vehicle and pedestrian. Advised the*

motor unit proactively works crosswalks. Advised if the weather permits they will get 6 to 7 officers out there, advised they are aware of the problem. If you have problems in or around the schools you can call school Pd at (909) 357-5000 X7020.

- *Advised in Morningside there are a couple houses that are vacant. Ted Porlas advised the city has a lot of foreclosures and what Code Compliance will do is search for the property owner and put a hold on the file if the owner does not keep the property kept up. Advised the property needs to be secured. It is the owner's responsibility to keep the property safe and clean if not a lien will be placed on the property and it will have to be taken care of before the property can be sold.*
- *Asked if there is any special attention on speeders on Beech. Corporal Waddell advised anytime there is a complaint they will work it when they are able to, usually speeder complaints are a hit and miss type of complaint but if you see speeders call the police department.*
- *Asked if the stats for each section are done by cross streets or by community. Lt. Weissmann advised he is unsure of how our Computer analyst gets the stats.*
- *Asked if an update can be given about the two parks, Rosena Park and Kohler Park. Lt. Weissmann advised Rosena Park is in Beat one and Kohler Park there were some issues there but not recently. Officer Guerrero advised he only had two report calls there in 6 months and they do patrol there frequently.*
- *Advised the Lindbergh property has been vacant for two months and the weeds got up to 10 feet tall. Asked if the city has any program where they will come out and cut the weeds. Ted Porlas advised they city has a Weed Abatement program the inspector has to notify the owner to get it done if not then they will send a notice to our contractor to cut the weeds, so it will probably be cut within 60 days from when the inspector goes out to the location.*
- *Asked why the city put a crosswalk at Citrus and Walnut without a light. Lt. Weissmann advised we will notify Engineering and they will have to do a survey to see if that area warrants a signal light. Corporal Heaviside advised there will be a light installed at that crosswalk.*
- *Advised he thinks it's really strange ice cream trucks are trying to sell ice cream on really cold days. Lt. Weissmann advised Ice Cream trucks have to have a permit from the city and also from the health department. If you think an ice cream truck is suspicious call the Police Department. Advised Ice Cream trucks can not go in parks or by schools and advised the driver has to be permitted by the city, where we do a background check so we make sure they are not child molesters or anything like that.*
- *Asked why the on ramp on Beech to the 210 freeway is a carpool entrance only. Asked if he can be permitted to enter on Beech. Chief Jones advised when the freeway was 1st designed Cal Trans couldn't put two off ramps*

and on ramps too close together and now they do not own enough property to expand the on and off ramps on Beech..

- Advised her name is Joanne Smith with the Central Valley Community Program, which is funded by the Behavioral Health Department to come up with programs for underage drinking, smoking marijuana. Advised their main priority is to come up with programs for teenagers. Advised if you would like more information to contact her after the meeting and she will give you her card.
- Asked if this is the best area why is Lt. Weissmann leaving. *Lt. Weissmann advised he is getting the same about of money only it's a different assignment. Advised he has been with the Area Commander Program for 2 ½ years and is now moving onto the Detective's Unit.*
- Asked what was being built on Victoria near Etiwanda High School. *Keith Kramer from Public works advised that will be a Traffic Management Center for Cal Trans.*

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS APRIL 24, 2008. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT SOLORIO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (15172 WALNUT) AT 6:30 PM.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY APRIL 23, 2008 TO:

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