

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of Area 2 Center  
**FROM:** Orbelio Rodriguez, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** April 27, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of April 23, 2009

**Lieutenant Rodriguez**

- Thanked everyone for coming to the Area 2 Central Meeting.

**Linda Burton-CAP Resource Program**

- Advised she works for the city of Fontana in the Water of Life Church.
- The CAP Resource Program offers low to no cost services through referrals.
- The CAP Resource Program offers classes in such fields as looking for a job, life skills classes, writing a resume, etc, usually free of charge.
- Most of your questions can be answered by checking out the CAP Resource Program website.
- Advised the CAP Resource Fair is coming up on Thursday April 30<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 2 pm at the Jesse Turner Center-Representatives from over 120 local Community Assistance programs will be present to provide free resources and services and to make referrals.

**Lieutenant Rodriguez**

- Advised he is the area Commander for Area 2, which is everything from the 210 freeway to Foothill Blvd. If you have any questions or concerns you can call him at (909) 356-7142 or email at [orodriguez@fontana.org](mailto:orodriguez@fontana.org).
- Informed everyone to please sign in so we can send you reminders of the upcoming meetings.
- Introductions- Dave Teater (Engineering), Ericka Permentor (Community Services), Eric Garwick (Public Works)
- New Programs-CopLogic: The system is designed to allow citizens to file certain reports via the internet. The system is accessible from any computer with internet access through the police department's website and is also available in Spanish. There is also a computer set up in the Police department's lobby for citizens to use. The basic process of filing a report online involves the citizen entering basic information regarding the incident, including any property information. The majority of the information is completed using drop down menus. Once the citizen has completed the report they will be provided with a temporary case number and can print out

a copy of that temporary report. Upon the report being approved, the citizen is emailed a copy of their report along with a permanent case number. The crimes which can be reported online are:

- Child Custody violations
  - Graffiti
  - Harassing Phone Calls
  - Hit and Run (Which has happened in the past with no suspect information.)
  - Identity Theft
  - Lost Property
  - Theft (under \$5000)
  - Vandalism
  - Vandalism to a vehicle
  - Vehicle Burglary
  - Vehicle Tampering
- CopLogic was started in early February and from early February to the end of March we issued 473 case numbers from this program and saved 596 officer hours.

### **Mayor's State of the City Address**

- Advised as Fontana looks ahead to 2009 we need to look to our past to put this year in proper perspective.
  - In 2008 Fontana was declared by American's Promise Alliance as the 100 best communities in America for Young People.
  - In February 2008 we opened our City Hall Annex which houses our Development Services Organization.
  - In April 2008 we opened the Lewis Library and Technology Center.
  - In May 2008 we opened a 15 year promise to the Village of Heritage by opening the Village of Heritage Community Center.
  - July 2008 we opened Fontana Center Stage.
  - Then in October we opened the Fontana Park.
  - In the early 1990's the city was on the brink of Bankruptcy. We had recurring revenues in the mid \$20 million range and were spending \$40 million per year. We spent all of our reserves in 1991 and 1992 and it was not being spent on roads or infrastructure maintenance
  - In the mid 1990's Fontana began a practice of living within her means, investing in neglected infrastructure and we changed paradigm for development in this city.
- We are full circle in 2009 with the current economic downturn.
  - Is Fontana prepared this time around?
    - We are unlike the state, when our local economy was booming and we were seeing surplus revenues we were

setting aside some of those surpluses for the inevitable recession.

- We were one of a handful of cities who saw sales tax increases in the last reported quarter.
- How are we doing for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget that begins in July?
  - Our management team is projecting a structural deficit of a little over \$2 million and we will have some contractual expense increases of a little over \$2 million for a base budget challenge of \$4 million.
  - In 1999 voters approved a utility user tax for residential and commercial users. The utility tax ended in 2004 for residential and on June 30<sup>th</sup> it will end for commercial users, which will represent \$4.5 million that we are losing.
  - Luckily the city has been weaning ourselves off of those revenues and placing them into capital projects.
  - Our council directed the city management team to continue our investments in road maintenance projects using the economic uncertainty funds.
  - With our structural deficit we will elimination of vacant positions, attrition, service cuts in non-public safety areas, cost cutting across many departments and other organizational reductions.
    - The management team and council rejected options like across the board cut in wages or furloughs or other measures that may protect jobs but in the long run end up destroying the morale of an organization.
- What about our projects for 2009?
  - We will see Fontana aggressively moving infrastructure and community investments to construction.
  - Last year Fontana was successful in securing over \$60 million towards the construction of Cherry and Citrus interchange reconstruction along the I-10 freeway.
  - The Cypress overpass will see significant construction in the coming year now that we have completed all the right of way challenges with a handful of property owners.
  - On the I 15 freeway we continue to make steady progress on Duncan Canyon interchange. This project should be in construction by the end of 2010; however this may be one project that may see delay due to the budget crisis.
  - We continue to work on Baseline Avenue and the completion is quickly approaching.
  - Jurupa Avenue will continue to move forward.

- We will continue to make improvements to Foothill Boulevard adding capacity, medians and landscaping as budget permits.
- We will continue to work on developing a reclaimed water distribution system and we will continue to fight the Fontana Water Company's attempts to further increase rates unjustifiably.
- We will continue to bring forward community amenities, completing projects that were launched in 2008. Projects such as the 44,000 square foot senior and community center located next to the senior apartments.
- We will be completing Fernandez Park.
- Through federal stimulus funds might allow us to complete the Pacific Electric Trail System.
- How can we afford these when we have a structural deficit?
  - Complex funding strategy, we are using one time resources from development Measure I- the transportation sales tax measure that kicks in starting July 2010, using redevelopment money and also using federal funds.
- Plans for the future-
  - At Sierra and Valley Kaiser Permanente will be investing almost \$1 billion in the next several years to re-construct their hospital.
  - We are also planning new interchanges at Beech and Alder along the I-10 corridor.
  - The region's long range transit plan shows Bus Rapid transit service through our community.
  - We will continue our partnership with Chaffey Community College as they further expand their Fontana Campus.
  - We will continue to see activity as Hilton Gardens Inn is completed this spring in the south end of town. We have also done everything we can do to provide incentives for the construction of the Holiday Inn Express, which will be just across the street from Hilton Gardens Inn.
  - We just had Mimi's open up along with Big 5 and the St. Bernadine's Medical Offices.
  - There is also another potential development along the 210 freeway to bring In-N-Out and a movie theater facility to Miracle Mile.
  - The Walmart property in the Promenade is up for sale.
  - You will see a number of Housing Authority supported developments in the coming year with the commencement of Phase 4 of our senior apartment's downtown; the Dino

Papavero Complex will be adding a Piazza Phase two development for seniors.

- Our efforts to transform Ceres Way will continue with Phase three of the affordable family development which will include a learning center.
- A similar project will be breaking ground towards the end of 2009 at Juniper and Valley Blvd using Housing Authority resources to eliminate blight while bringing quality, affordable housing to our community.

### Questions and Concerns of Area 2 Center residents

- Advised she can't always make the meetings and was wondering if she can still get the minutes. *Lt. Rodriguez advised yes you can. When you sign in, if you put your email address a reminder and the minutes will be sent you within a week of the meeting. Also you will be able to view the minutes online within two weeks of the meeting.*
- Advised a couple of weeks ago she received a door hanger on her door from a ministry and two days later her husband saw the same ministry van with a man sitting in the vehicle in the neighborhood however no door hangers were left that day from that ministry. That day her house was burglarized, so if you see anyone in a van or a truck please call the police. *Lt. Rodriguez advised if you don't have a neighborhood watch and would like to start one please contact Amber Smith at (909) 350-7710 or email at [asmith@fontana.org](mailto:asmith@fontana.org).*
- Advised on Beech and Walnut there was some construction where they dug a trench and saw Edison out there, asked what was being done. *Dave Teater with Engineering advised he don't know but he will find out. Teater advised usually the utility companies will inform us when they do work in the area unless it was emergency work then they will let us know after. Eric Garwick with Public Works advised they were doing work to upgrade the fiber optics it was completed by the cable company.*
- Asked if there has been an increase of crime. *Lt. Rodriguez advised we actually show a decrease in our major crime stats, that might be due to more officer proactive time with our new program CopLogic and our Verified Alarm Policy. Usually when the economy goes bad so does the crime however we are watching it very closely and we haven't seen any increase.*
- Just wanted to inform the police department they are doing a good job.
- Advised the graffiti removal program is wonderful however she has noticed they seem to be a little slower in the past 6 months. Asked if any cuts have been in the area of the graffiti removal team. *Eric Garwick advised the graffiti crew is currently focusing on the 350-GONE complaints and the complaints which come in through the phone are removed within 24 hours and the rest of the complaints are removed within 72 hours. They are*

*focusing more on the parks in the restrooms. Advised he will get her information after the meeting and check the log and get back with her regarding the information.*

- *Advised on Baseline where it's currently under construction the stop lighting system is messed up, you can sit at a red light for about 5 to 10 minutes when there is no other traffic. Dave Teater advised the reason it's set up that way is because it's under construction once the construction is complete the stop lights will be back to normal, however he will check out the lights to make there hasn't been any change to the lights which makes them function improperly.*
- *Asked why the water is so hard in the city. Lt. Rodriguez advised he don't know, the water is run by Fontana Water Company which is a privately owned company.*
- *Asked how long are you supposed to wait at a red light before you can go. Officer Locey advised there is no set time however you have to wait until it's safe. Lt. Rodriguez advised it really depends on if the officer who pulls you over believes you or not.*
- *Asked when the city gets involved with vacant homes. Mike Lee with Code Compliance advised the city will get involved with a vacant home when we receive a complaint on the property.*
- *Asked if the city of Fontana is going green and will they be changing the street lights. Dave Teater advised the city will be changing the lights once the LED lighting system is developed, it's still a couple of years out.*
- *Asked when the helicopter is out does that mean something bad is happening. Lt. Rodriguez advised no it doesn't mean something bad is happening, the helicopter is doing regular patrol, however if they orbit in small tight circles several times then something is probably happening. You can always call Dispatch to see if there is something you should be concerned about.*
- *Asked if we have a helipad or if we use Rialto Airport. Lt. Rodriguez advised yes to both.*
- *Asked what will happen when Rialto Airport closes. Lt Rodriguez advised the city has been talking with other cities to find somewhere else we can go.*
- *Asked if you can get a ticket in the red zone around the school. Officer Locey advised yes, unfortunately we have about 6 motor officers out during the morning and there are several schools and they try to get to one school a day, however a lot of times the schools do not want the police interaction and we try to work with the school and they try to come up with a solution to help alleviate the problem, which only creates more of a problem. If you see any problems please give us a call.*
- *Asked if there are student issues at AB Miller High School, advised he drove by there and there were police officers on every corner. Lt. Rodriguez*

*advised last week the kids were all riled up and the tension was a little high so just as a precaution the officers were set up around the school.*

- *Asked where the bike lanes are if it was a no parking zone around Kohler Park. Lt. Rodriguez advised yes. If you have a problem and you need police to come out right away then please call our dispatch however if it's a problem such as parking in no parking zones and it's a continual problem please call him and we'll put something together and coordinate with our officers to be out there at the right time.*
- *Asked if we are doing out with Citizen's Compass. Lt. Rodriguez advised he don't know however we will find out.*

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JULY 23, 2009. 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 JULY 22, 2009 TO:**

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