

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of Area 2 Center  
**FROM:** Orbelio Rodriguez, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** May 13, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of April 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 356-7142 or email him at [orodriguez@fontana.org](mailto:orodriguez@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.

**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
  - There is a slow down on residential area but not in the commercial area. We are not going down because of foreclosure rates.
    - The city is going to try to make it difficult for families to leave; we have great amenities such as the library and Fontana Park.
    - We are going to focus on marketing key retail businesses.
      - Amerihost/Comfort Inn feeds off of the Speedway and also the Ontario Airport.
      - Holiday Inn Select will be a 126 bed facility
      - Hilton Gardens already broke ground.
      - Holiday Inn Express will be designed this year.
      - With those hotels the city should bring in \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year.
- Aging infrastructure and Congested Corridors
  - The city is going to invest in the infrastructure
    - Partnering with today for tomorrows transportation coalitions to redo the I-10 freeway.
    - Overpass projects
      - Citrus
      - Cherry
      - Cypress
    - Alder interchange (which is a \$200-\$250 million project.)
    - Road widening throughout Fontana
      - Sierra
      - Baseline
      - Foothill/Citrus Median
      - Foothill/Cherry to Ilex
      - Jurupa Widening

- Cherry Widening (should be complete this year)
  - Improvement on Valley
    - Newly annexed area redevelopment
- Future Developments
  - We want Fontana to be a major employment center.
  - The city owns the freeway frontage at Ventana to development employment opportunities.
  - Promenade-pedestrian friendly life style center, which will be theater and restaurant based.
  - Downtown revitalization, Fontana Center Stage which is a dinner Theater.
  - Plans for economy rebound

### **Lieutenant Rodriguez**

- The police department in the near future will have a Child Restraint program where citizens can get their child safety seats inspected to make sure they are installed properly.
- The Lewis Library grand opening was this past Saturday.
- May 1<sup>st</sup> through the 15<sup>th</sup> the Vietnam Memorial Wall replica will be at Miller Park, the exhibit will be open 24 hours.

### **Louis Norfolk, Animal Control**

- The city pays for 2 ½ animal control officers for this area.
- Last year dealt with 12,700 calls, 1,900 dead animal calls and 1,300 aggressive animal calls and several barking dog calls.
- The city of Fontana can not be a victim of a barking dog complaint.
  - When they get the complaint they will send you and the owner of the animal a letter, the letter to you is to explain the procedure and the letter to the owner is tips on how to fix the nuisance. They give the owner 7 to 10 days to fix the problem, after that you will have to keep a log for about 10 days. After that if they find there is a nuisance the owner of the animal will be cited and they will have to go to court along with the complainant because they will have to testify. The judge hardly ever removes the animal from the house but will make orders to correct the problem.
- They have officers in the field 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. However at night they will only respond to emergency calls such as broken bones, biting or bleeding animals. If you call at night make sure you are next to your phone because the officer will call you back to make sure it's a legitimate call.

### **THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN**

#### **Concerns of Area 2 Center residents**

- Advised he walks on Baseline and Citrus, advised the graffiti problem got much better. Advised Kohler Park is terrible with graffiti. The restrooms from the floor the ceilings. *Lt. Rodriguez advised the gang officers will get more information after the meeting so they can check into the problem.*
- Thanked Animal Control because there was a pit bull that was following a lady and he called animal control and they responded within 25 minutes and picked the dog up.
- Wanted to publicly thank Officer Norfolk and Lt. Rodriguez for doing a good job with handling a problem he had with his neighbor.
- Asked if the Senior Center in Heritage was for the whole city or just the Heritage area. *Laura Van Sciver advised it's not just a Senior Center it's a community Center for the whole city, not just the Heritage area. It will be opening May 31, 2008.*
- Advised his neighbor walks his dog and a pit bull came from down on Heathrow and it was acting aggressive, asked what they should do in that case. *Officer Norfolk advised to call Animal Control, when they get the call, just like the police department, they will prioritize the calls.*
- Asked what the regulations on Fireworks were for the city. Advised a neighbor sets off fireworks from May to September. *Lt. Rodriguez advised him to call the police department. Legal fireworks are only allowed from June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 4<sup>th</sup>. As of July 5, 2008 there will be no fireworks allowed in the city.*
- Asked when the employment opportunities will be open for the community centers. *Laura Van Sciver advised to see her after the meeting because the positions are currently open and she has applications with her.*
- Asked if crime in the area is getting worse because of the economy. *Lt. Rodriguez advised crime is always a concern when the economy goes bad. We haven't noticed anything unusual; there haven't been any major increases in our crime statistics. With all the vacant houses we could possibly see squatters.*
- Advised people with keyless entry into their garage they might want to clean off the key pads because people will be able to see what numbers you use frequently on your keypad.
- Asked how many neighborhood watch groups are in this area. *Lt. Rodriguez advised we have a huge Neighborhood Watch Program and we are currently working on increasing our Business Watch Program. If you would like to start a program in your area please contact Amber Smith at (909) 350-7710 or [asmith@fontana.org](mailto:asmith@fontana.org)*
- Asked how the verified response policy is working out. *Lt. Rodriguez advised our goal for this policy was to take less time to respond to priority one calls and with the verified response policy our officers have*

- been able to respond to priority one calls quicker. It has also freed up a lot of time for officers to be proactive. We have not seen an increase in burglaries. We still respond to panic alarms and alarms with video and audio capability where we know someone has broken into the house.*
- *Asked if there was any improvement with illegal dumping in the field. Ted Porlas advised they don't catch many people illegally dumping but they will take care of the clean up. If you have an area we may not be aware of please call Code Compliance.*
  - *Asked if the police will respond to a man stealing flowers off of San Savaine. Lt. Rodriguez advised yes officers will respond to calls such as that.*
  - *Advised in their neighborhood they are having problems with people picking through recycle bins. Lt. Rodriguez advised we don't want people to do that. If you see them please call the police department.*
  - *On Baseline and Cherry in the summer there are more truck drivers who park behind the houses and sleep there for hours. Lt. Rodriguez advised to give the police department a call we'll send an officer out and most of the time they will issue them citations.*

**THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS JULY 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 JULY 23, 2008 TO:**

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