

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 2 East Community Meeting  
**FROM:** Orbelio Rodriguez, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** August 18, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of August 13, 2008

**Lieutenant Rodriguez**

- Advised everyone to please sign the sign in sheet in the back of the room.
- Introductions

**Officer Matt Roth- Sexual Offenders and Sexual Registrants**

- The city has about 253 sex registrants.
  - Who gets to register- anyone convicted of a certain sex offense.
  - About 10% of all registrants are out of compliance.
  - About 10 to 15 are cold cases.
  - Getting Compliance is the goal.
- Megan's Law
  - PC 290- requires convicted sex offenders to register with law enforcement agencies annually. They must register 5 days before or after their birthday until they die.
  - The sex offenders have to provide the law enforcement agency with their address, business information, and vehicle information.
  - Megan's Law website is [www.meganslaw.ca.gov](http://www.meganslaw.ca.gov)
  - Any time a registered sex offender moves they have to re-register with their local law enforcement.
- Jessica's Law
  - California voters voted on Proposition 83 in 2006.
    - Requires any registered sex offenders getting on parole to wear a GPS system.
    - Registered sex offenders would not be able to live within 2000 feet of a school or park.
    - Government agencies will attempt to make contact twice a year by mail.
      - Challenges
  - The law does not define who will pay for the GPS devices and tracking system.
  - There is currently a lawsuit so there is a delay on part of the law regarding the residence requirements.
- What the Police Department has done
  - Created a 290 detective.
  - Developed PISO (Patrol Interventions of Sex Offender) Program.

- Initiated proactive approach checking compliance to laws pertaining to Jessica's law.
- Increased department training on sex offender's compliance and intervention.
- What can you do:
  - Be observant
  - Meet your Neighbors
  - Know who the children are in the neighborhood
  - Don't allow overly kind people who you don't know to care for your children
  - Become informed by the Megan's Law website.

### **Lieutenant Rodriguez**

- Calls for service for the last 90 days
  1. Traffic Stops
  2. Pedestrian Checks
  3. 415 Domestic
  - Then it tapers down to property crime, vehicle burglaries, and residential burglaries.

### **Councilmember Janice Rutherford**

- Advised the State legislators and the governor are past due on the budget. Their solution is to raise taxes 1% more for sales taxes. The state is making cuts and is planning on borrowing local revenue. The State is planning on taking about \$7 ½ million from the city of Fontana.
- What all this means for Fontana is the quality of life issues you are use to will be cut back due to the money being taken by the state.
- Advised to visit cutupthecard.com and enter in Fontana and it will show how much we lost to the state, advised it's about \$35 million. If you have any questions you can talk to any of the council members.
- Advised Center Stage is now open. 429-SHOW for reservations or visit centerstagefontana.com. Center Stage is a Dinner Theater they are now offering a Broadway review.

### **Superintendent Cali Binks**

- Advised the State is not only taking money from the city but from the school district as well. Advised the website (cutupthecard.com) is also great for the school district too.
- All schools are back in session. There are only 5 track schools left.

## **CONCERNS OF AREA 2 EAST COMMUNITY**

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

- Advised every Monday morning they see trash diggers. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised they have been cracking down on trash diggers and in the past 7 days the guys have caught and cited 3 people. Advised it is against***

**city ordinance because of identity theft, health issues and sometimes they just leave the trash lying in the street.**

- Advised she lives on Tamarind and at about 2 or 3 in the morning on trash days there is a little car dragging the trash cans down the street and it's hard to tell if they belong in the area because they drive with their lights off. **Lt. Rodriguez advised he hasn't heard of a problem like that before.**
- Advised on Palmetto there is beer drinking, sex, racing, and advised he walks in the morning and there is all kinds of trash on Palmetto, asked what can be done with that. Advised he has complained about it before and nothing has ever got done. **Lt. Rodriguez advised with problems like this make sure to email him at [orodriguez@fontana.org](mailto:orodriguez@fontana.org) so the problems can be addressed right away. Lt. Rodriguez advised we take thousands and thousands of calls and if there is something you feel is not being handled properly email him. Keith Kramer advised part of Palmetto is Rialto, the street is split right down the middle.**
- Asked what is happening with the stolen manhole covers and water pipes. **Lt. Rodriguez advised metal theft is a nationwide problem it's not just here in Fontana. Officer Reed advised a couple of weeks ago they caught someone who stole a manhole cover.**
- Asked if there was anyway to put in place a law about the recyclers accepting stolen property. **Keith Kramer from Public Works advised the other day we received a phone call from a recycler who received property that was identifiable that belonged to the city. Advised as of right now there is no current law regarding the recycling companies and metal theft. Officer Reed advised they are taking metal plates and stuff and turning them into the recycling companies cut up into little pieces so the property is not identifiable, it's unrecognizable. Councilmember John Roberts advised the city has been really proactive with the brass signage the city used to use and have figured out to avoid the extreme costs to replace the brass signs into the communities to make them plastic signs. Keith Kramer advised there are a lot of vacant homes in Fontana and the new thing is for them to dismantle the air conditioners and take the cooper wiring. If you see that please call the Police. Lt. Rodriguez advised it's important to keep an eye open when you see foreclosed homes in your area and report anything that is suspicious.**
- Asked about yard sale signs that are posted for weeks. **Ted Porlas advised his staff does go out on a regular basis and remove the signs. If there are some they miss please call Code Compliance.**
- Advised on Micallef and Baseline there is a hole the water company left full of water, asked if it was going to be treated for mosquitoes.
- Asked if there was anyway to mandate the yard sale signs to require them to put their address on the signs that way when they are left up the person responsible will be able to be cited. Also there are still a lot of political signs up from last elections and advised there were staples left all over when those signs were put up. **Ted Porlas advised as of right now there are no such**

**requirements for yard sale signs. If you see signs Code Compliance has missed please call Code Compliance to report the signs.**

- Advised he has called on a Cat Lady, there are little cats all over the neighborhood because she feeds all the animals in the neighborhood and nothing ever gets done about the problem. **Lt. Rodriguez advised if there is nuisances in your area please email him at [orodriguez@fontana.org](mailto:orodriguez@fontana.org) with the problem. Usually dealing with a complaint like this animal control would be the proper agency to speak to, however give him the information and he'll go down to the area and check it out.**
- Asked how many officers are in Fontana. **Lt. Rodriguez advised there are 202 sworn positions with a total of 318 personnel in the Fontana Police Department.**
- Advised with the foreclosed homes the grass is dead, there are weeds and when the wind blows it could cause a fire. **Ted Porlas with Code advised when foreclosures are brought to our attention there is a lot of work done to find out who actually owns the property. Once we find out who the property owner is we can start looking into taking care of the issues. Code Compliance wants the properties to be safe, there are no guarantees the water will be turned on. What Code Compliance does is finds who is responsible and makes them responsible and gets them to comply and get the work done completely. Advised to see Ted after the meeting to give him more information.**
- Asked if there was any emergency preparedness plan to deal with riots and events such as that. **Lt. Rodriguez advised yes the police department does have a plan to handle situations such as a riot. We currently have the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest SWAT Team in the county. Plus we have a mutual aid agreement with surrounding agencies where they will come help our department if we need their help with any situation. We also have our CERT Program which trains citizens what to do in case there is an emergency.**
- Asked about the noise ordinance. Advised there are loud parties on Friday's and Saturday nights, advised they call the police and they come out and the music is turned down but as soon as the police leave the music is turned right back up. **Lt. Rodriguez advised what the officer will do is locate the party and they will make contact with the one who is responsible for the party and give them a warning. If the officer goes back to the same location because of calls and they feel they are not getting compliance the officer has the option to issue a citation. Another option is anyone has the option to sign a private party arrest form, but usually people do not want to do that, that's why officers now have the option to issue a citation.**
- Asked how Fontana's budget is. **Janice Rutherford advised the city's budget is good. Advised in the late 1990's the city instituted some reforms and we put 10% in capital budget. We are not rolling in dough but we have a very healthy budget. We have the ability to borrow on our**

**redevelopment money and if the state takes that money we lose that ability.**

- Asked if there are any plans of annexing the speedway. **Janice Rutherford advised there are no plans to annex the speedway.**
- Advised on Mango and Highland there was suppose to be a park built there is that still going to happen. **Janice Rutherford advised that property has been sold to a home builder but with the economy the way it is they do not want to build as of yet.**
- Asked with the city doing away with fireworks is there going to be more firework shows added. **Janice Rutherford advised the shows cost anywhere from \$50,000 to \$60,000 a show. Advised they are talking to the speedway to get a bigger show, however there maybe a petition going around so the fireworks might be allowed again.**
- Asked about the progress on the project at Highland and Sierra. **Janice Rutherford advised it was suppose to be theaters and other stores, however the people who own the land do not want to build what is planned for the area so the project is at a stand still right now.**
- Asked about the hotel on Citrus. **Janice Rutherford advised the hotel may not happen advised the investor lost a lot of money in the stock market so they are currently looking for another investor.**
- Asked about the In-N-Out on Citrus and Highland. **Janice Rutherford advised they are currently waiting on the economy to get better.**
- Asked about the shooting that occurred on July 18<sup>th</sup>, advised she never read anything in the newspaper. **Lt. Rodriguez advised on July 18<sup>th</sup> there was a large party on Walnut. Approximately 200 to 500 people attended the party, when it was about to break up there was a shooting and one person died. An arrest was made approximately a week later in Moreno Valley and the guy ran to Rialto where he was apprehended.**
- Asked if they were juveniles. **Lt. Rodriguez advised both the victim and the suspect were both adults. Advised our violent crime statistics are very low and we were able to go into the community and start a new Neighborhood Watch Group. This was just one of those isolated incidents where the parents were away and the people who threw the party didn't even know the suspect, he just showed up to the party.**
- Asked what is happening with Mango and Highland. **Officer Reed advised it's going to stay a no left turn because it's a blind corner.**
- Suggested to maybe make Mango and Highland a three way stop.
- Advised at about 2pm at Mango and Highland officers will be able to give out a lot tickets.
- Asked what the reason for busing kids to Rialto is. **Superintendent Binks advised we don't bus kids to Rialto. Advised home owners have rights if the schools is full, they will be moved to another school that is close to home however we would not provide busing to another school district. Advised the boundaries of the school districts are different then the city limits. Advised the eastern part of Walnut Village is Rialto School District.**

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2008 AT RUBLE MIDDLE SCHOOL (6762 JUNIPER AVENUE). THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30pm IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM.**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BEFORE NOVEMBER 5, 2008 TO:**

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