

**CITY OF FONTANA  
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**TO:** All attendees of the Area 2 East Community Meeting  
**FROM:** Mark Weissmann, Lieutenant  
**DATE:** February 18, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Community Meeting Minutes of February 14, 2008

**Sergeant Rodriguez**

- Advised Lt. Weissmann is unable to be here tonight.
- Sgt. Rodriguez advised he will be taking over this area in March. Advised Lt. Weissmann will be moving to a different assignment in the department.

**Chief Jones**

- Thanked everyone who came out to the community meeting.
- The community meetings started when Scialdone was chief. Community Policing works with everyone working together to come up with a solution to a problem in the community.
- Advised what you will see at this forum a lot of questions that are not police related.
- Advised the Patrol Lieutenant takes responsibility for the area. If you have a problem such as a city lot across the street from you and you don't know who to contact you an all your area commander and he can address your concerns.

**Sergeant Rodriguez**

- Advised he is here for community collaboration.
- Advised the City website is [www.Fontana.org](http://www.Fontana.org). It is a good source of information, such as "Who Ya Gonna Call" link which has numerous city telephone numbers and also the Graffiti Hotline (350-GONE), also a link on PD website- [www.fontanapd.org](http://www.fontanapd.org). If you see any shopping carts in the area please call 350-6760 with a good location so the shopping cart can be picked up by City Yards (also a link on the PD website). Also 357-OUTT is the city's Lights Out phone number, if you see any street lights that needs repair or maintenance work done, please call 357-OUTT with pole number which is located on the Edison pole approximately six feet above the ground (also a link on the PD website).

**Laura VanSciver- Community Services**

- Advised Teenfest is this Friday from noon to 4pm.
- Advised the Library grand opening is April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Fontana Days is taking applications for runners.

- On Sierra from Merrill to Foothill Military Banners will be put up so far the city has 18 names which will be recognized.

### **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](http://www.americaspromise.org).

### **Councilmember Frank Scialdone**

- Advised the American Cancer Society will be holding the Relay for Life at Summit High School on May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>. This event is a 24 hour event where people form teams to raise money to help the American Cancer Society.
- Also the Vietnam Wall will be at Miller park on April 29<sup>th</sup>.
- If you have any questions regarding either of these programs email him.

### **Officer Mark Durmisevich-Traffic Unit**

- Advised the Speedway is coming up in a couple of weeks so if at all possible stay away from Cherry and Baseline.
- Advised the Traffic Unit is starting several programs regarding Buses and Cross walk stings mainly around schools.
- Advised if there are any issues please let your area commander know or you can call the traffic unit.

**CONCERNS OF AREA 2 EAST COMMUNITY**  
**THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN**

- Advised her neighbors have a huge sign in their front yard selling menudo and tamales, asked what can be done about that. ***Ted Porlas from Code Compliance advised we have code inspectors on the weekends now so you can call us when you see those signs out.***
- Advised in regards to shopping carts, asked if the city can make them post signage as requirements or make them get the tire locking system on their carts. ***Chief Jones advised the city is in the initial stages of looking into this problem. As of right now the City Yards now picks up the carts. The only store that has the tire locking system is Winco and they seem to be very successful with that system.***
- Asked if it's wise to talk to the person who is taking the shopping carts. ***Sgt. Rodriguez advised it's hard to say because it depends on the person. You can just call us and we'll take care of it.***
- Suggested using your cell phone to jot down notes and information into the memo section especially if you see graffiti or any suspicious activity.
- Asked when the construction on Sierra will be complete. ***Chief Jones advised the Foothill project from Oleander to Citrus will be complete February 19<sup>th</sup> and the Sierra and Baseline project is still several months out.***
- Asked if there can be more patrol at the intersection of Miller and Sultana because people are just blowing through there at 40 mph, advised that usually starts around 6pm or 7pm.
- Asked if you get a license plate of the vehicle can the police give them a warning. ***Sgt. Rodriguez advised it depends on the situation but usually we don't.***
- Advised on Wheeler Court between Sierra and Mango there has never been any maintenance. The bushes on the side of the road have never been cut and there is a lot of trash. Advised there has been a lot of graffiti in the area along with vandalism of the mailboxes. ***Eric Garwick with Public works advised with the graffiti you can call 350-GONE. Advised to give them a call regarding the maintenance and they will look into the problem.***
- Advised the Library looks great and the Fontana Park is awesome, asked what is going on with the promenade. ***Councilmember Scialdone advised the plans came before the council 3 weeks ago. Walmart owns most of that land and Walmart doesn't fit the vision the city has for the promenade. Walmart came in with different plans for the council, the city council put off the meeting until March 7<sup>th</sup> to deal with Walmart and the plans. The requirements of the city are that it has to be less than 75 square feet and they have decided that in 2003 before Walmart purchased that land. If you have any input or would like to attend the meeting it will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at 11am or you can email any council member and voice your concerns.***

- Asked if there any petitions going around. **Councilmember Scialdone advised there has not been any petition opposing the Walmart however there was one going around for supporting the Walmart.**
- Asked where this area for the promenade is. **John Roberts advised it's on Sierra and South Highland. Also advised with the current economy the way it is right now it will probably be 5 years even before anything happens there. Advised nothing will be done immediately. Also advised the city will not lower their standards just because of the way the economy is.**
- Advised the Daily Bulletin had an article in the news paper about Walmart wanting to build in Rialto on Riverside and now they are starting to back out. Advised if they are starting to back out there maybe they will start to back out here also.
- Asked how many more Walmarts we need. **Councilmember Scialdone advised it depends on who you talk to, according to Walmart we need a lot more.**
- Asked why the city can't concentrate on getting a sports venue with all the open property that is in Fontana. **Councilmember Scialdone advised there is some property up by the 15 freeway that the city council is looking into for exactly that.**
- Advised we have the speedway but we get no revenue from that because we do not have any hotels in the city. **Councilmember Scialdone advised there are three hotels coming into the city one on Citrus and S. Highland, then there is the Hilton Gardens and the Holiday Inn which will be on Sierra and Slover. Each hotel is in different stages at this point.**
- Asked if Walmart was planning on keeping the Walmart on Foothill open. **Councilmember Scialdone advised yes they are planning on keeping it open.**
- Asked if Fontana has a noise ordinance for loud parties. **Sgt. Rodriguez advised yes we do have a noise ordinance, you can call any time the noise is disturbing your peace.**
- Asked what the procedure is to talk to the person who is speeding. Advised it doesn't stop it gets worse and he speeds more, asked when this type of call becomes a priority, when someone gets hurt. **Sgt. Rodriguez advised all calls are important. Advised all calls are prioritized but all the calls are important. Advised to talk to him after the meeting to get more information.**

**THE NEXT COMMUNITY MEETING WILL BE HELD ON MAY 8, 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 MAY 7, 2008 TO:**

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