

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Village of Heritage Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Orbelio Rodriguez
DATE: February 25, 2009

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of February 19, 2009

Lieutenant Rodriguez:

- Thanked everyone for coming.
- Advised he is the Area Commander for Area 2. Advised if you don't have his information to please see him after the meeting to get his business card.
- Introductions
- Advised everyone to please sign in before you leave tonight so we will be able to email you reminders of the next meeting.
- Advised the city is broken up into 4 areas and everything from the 210 freeway south to Foothill is Area 2.
- The Community Meetings are held quarterly.
- The Area Commander Program is a city program not just a police department program, when there are issues we all work together to deal with the quality of life issues.
- Citizen's academy is coming up, it's a free nine week class which teaches you the different aspects of the police department. Once you complete the class you can go on a ride along with one of our officers. For more information please contact Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758 or hhoward@fontana.org.
- 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
- Child Safety Seat Installation program- The Fontana Police Department will educate the members of the community regarding all aspects of child safety seats in vehicles by use of hands on assistance and training to ultimately reduce the number of injuries and/or fatalities related to traffic collisions. A certified child passenger safety seat technician will conduct inspections and educate parents on the proper use and installation of their child's safety seats as well as the laws pertaining to the ultimate safety of their children as passengers in a vehicle. Appointments can be made with the Fontana Police Department at (909) 356-7192 or CarSeatCheck@fontana.org.
- Advised this weekend the speedway is in town. It is going to be very busy so please be careful there will be a lot of people and a lot of traffic.
- Calls for service since November to today:
 - 1. Traffic Stops 129 calls
 - 2. 415 Subjects 82 calls
 - 3. False 911 calls 74 calls
 - 4. Medical assists 65 calls
 - Advised he found it interesting that you have to go down to about number 40 on the list to get to the 1st theft call for service. Burglaries stay around the same number all the time.

Linda Burton-CAP Resource Program

- Advised she is the coordinator of CAP (Community Assistance Program). Advised she works for the city of Fontana however her office is at the Water of Life Church.
- Her job is to help people find resources for low to no cost. Please visit the CAP website for additional information on the program.
- April 30th from 10am to 2pm at the Jessie Turner Center is the CAP Resource fair. At the fair there will be over 100 resources who will offer free or low cost resources. If you are unable to make it that day or you can't wait until then you can go online and there is a list of all the resources that you can use right now.
- CAP Program also offers free classes such as time management, foreclosure classes, resume classes, etc.

Questions and Concerns of Village of Heritage residents

(THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN)

- Advised the County of San Bernardino gets all the money and revenue from the speedway but they use city personnel to direct traffic, asked if we get compensated for it. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised the speedway is not in the city limits so the city does not get the tax revenue from it however we work jointly with the county CHP, Ontario and Rancho***

Cucamonga all year long. We all help develop a traffic plan. We do get reimbursed by the speedway so city tax dollars are not spent on traffic control for the speedway.

- Advised they sign up their kids for city games such as basketball and they give the city the money however when they show up for practice there is no coach. Asked how coaches are screened. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised he does not know but will find out.***
- Advised in the field between Heritage Circle, 2 times they have seen cars for sale just parked there, asked who they need to call when they see that. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised to just call our dispatch.***
- Advised they would like to get a stop sign on Morse Canyon Dr. and E. Liberty people think it's a four way stop when it's only two. ***Dave Teater with Engineering advised to please fill out an Engineering Service Request form and they will check out the location to see if it meets the minimum requirements for a four way stop. Lt. Rodriguez also advised we will send officers out to that location to try to help out.***
- Asked if there have been any request for a light on Baseline and E. Heritage. ***Dave Teater advised we currently do have a request for a light there and they do currently have a list of areas where locations need lights and do meet the minimum requirements and it's based on priority and they are being put up as fast as they can as resources allow.***
- Advised on Foothill by the Storage company there is a light that is unnecessary where no kids are however where kids cross there is no light. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised we will do our best to try to fix the problem however we can not promise it will be fixed.***
- Advised he has called Edison on a light that needs to be replaced and Edison advised they could not fix the light because it's not one of their lights. ***Chuck Hays with Public works advised if the light is in the Paseo please call Public Works at 350-6760.***
- Advised there is a lot of speeding on Liberty Parkway and Grand Ave. Asked what kind of feedback does the city get from those radar feedback signs. Also asked if there was any way to get the blinking crosswalk on Grand Avenue because people don't care about stopping to let people cross the street. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised we will send some officers out there to do some enforcement. Dave Teater advised Engineering has not downloaded any data from the signs however they did do a survey and those signs have reduced speed by 5%. Lt. Rodriguez advised we also have the portable speed radar sign we can put out because usually when signs are up too long people tend to ignore them.***
- Asked if there was any information on the city website or the speedway website about the streets which will be able to be used during the weekend. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised him to get with Officer Locey after the meeting because the police department has a copy of the specific plan for the speedway however it's not posted online.***

- Advised when they moved into their house in their CC&R's it states that no RV's or Boats are to be parked in front of the house or on the driveway however people are parking their RV's on the street and in their driveway, asked what can be done. **Ted Porlas with Code Compliance advised CC&R's are a contact with the builder and new residents, advised the city can not enforce CC&R's however you as a homeowner have the right to enforce the provisions in court.**
- Asked if maybe there was a city code reference to RV's and boats. **Lt. Rodriguez advised yes there is a city code however it does not state anything about the RV's or Boats parking on the driveway, they can not park on the street.**
- Advised he got a citation on his vehicle for expired registration however it the registration was not expired. Advised he went to the police department to explain however the officer at the front desk was rude and didn't do anything about it except sign it off. **Lt. Rodriguez advised sometimes the police department does make mistakes, however you can contest the citation and what will happen is first you will have to pay the fee then you can contest it and if you are found to be innocent they will return the money to you. Advised if you have a problem with an employee then contact him and he will look into it.**
- Advised she received a letter in the mail from an alarm company stating the police department no longer responds to alarm calls and they are sanctioned by the city to sell alarms. **Lt. Rodriguez advised the city does not endorse any company to see you products. Advised we do currently have a verified response policy and we continue to respond to panic alarms and verified alarms.**
- Asked where false alarms are on the stat sheet. **Lt. Rodriguez advised there were 7 false alarms and 10 panic alarms.**
- Advised Baseline going east past the city limit signs the street is the worst, asked who is responsible for it. **Chuck Hays with Public Works advised that would be the City of Rialto and if you would like to call them their number is (909) 820-2602.**
- Advised at a vacant house she had noticed a lot of vehicles and a lot of kids in the vacant house and she called the police department and advised she was very happy with the response.
- Asked what happened with the building of the Church on East Avenue. **Lt. Rodriguez advised he did not know and will have to find out.**
- Advised they are not seeing as many foreclosure signs any more. **Ted Porlas advised there are a lot of them, a lot of companies weren't doing foreclosures during the months of November and December. Advised we are just short of 4,000 foreclosed homes.**
- Advised he heard he could not remove a tree if it's in your front yard. **Chuck Hays advised it depends on where the tree is, if it's on an easement which is about 10 to 12 feet into the yard then no you can not remove it.**

- Asked how many patrol cars patrol Heritage at one time. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised the city isn't broken up by areas such as Heritage but is an area from Foothill to the 210 freeway. Advised on an average night on a regular day we put out an average of 25 police cars for the whole city and on a Friday or Saturday there could be more. So the city is broken up into 4 sections so Area 2 would get a ¼ of those officers.***
- Asked if the police department has a citizen patrol. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised yes we do have volunteers who do that.***
- Asked if the citizen patrol is effective. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised it just depends, in his opinion the more eyes on the streets the better so it is effective.***
- Asked if parking in front of a fire hydrant is illegal. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised yes it is, please give the police department a call or see Officer Locey after the meeting to give him more details.***
- Asked if citizen patrol are people who are retired officers or vigilantes. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised most of the volunteers have no prior law enforcement background.***
- Asked if there is a curfew law. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised there is and it is at 10pm and it pertains to anyone under the age of 18. They can not be loitering.***
- Asked if skateboarding is considered loitering. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised yes it is.***
- Advised she moved from Rancho to Fontana about 7years ago and likes what the city has been doing and the direction the city is going.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS MAY 21, 2009. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM AT HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTER.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY MAY 20, 2009 TO:

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