

CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: All attendees of the Village of Heritage Community Meeting
FROM: O. Rodriguez, Lieutenant
DATE: August 21, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of August 21, 2008

Lieutenant Rodriguez

- Introductions

Officer Roth- Sex Offender Compliance

- 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
 - 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.

Lt. Rodriguez-

- Calls for Service-
 1. Traffic stops
 2. Pedestrian checks
 3. 415 domestic calls
 - Then it goes to party calls and it goes to lower level property crime.
 - There is no real spike up or down in the statistics.

Councilmember Janice Rutherford-

- Advised Heritage has been hit with foreclosures and the city is doing the best they can with the tools we have, considering the economy.
 - Any property owner is required to maintain the property.
 - The city does not have a way to get a report of when a house is getting foreclosed on. We need you to keep your eyes open and when you see one please call Code Compliance and let them know. Code Compliance can take care of the basic safety things with the property.
 - Advised the city can not go to every foreclosed house and do landscaping because there are about 4,000 houses vacant right now.
 - If you have any ideas of what we can do to make things better we want to hear it so please let us know.
- Please visit the Lewis Library and Technology Center.
- Center Stage Theater is now open.
- October 25th will be the grand opening for the new Fontana Park.

Questions and Concerns of Village of Heritage residents

(THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN)

- Asked if there is a sex offender on their block can they tell their neighbors. **Officer Roth advised you can not post flyers but you can notify your neighbors to check the Megan's law website.**
- Asked what if the address is not posted on Megan's Law Website. **Officer Roth advised the Megan's Law Website is governed by the Department of Justice and they know the address. You can always call us, it might not be there because it might just be a minor offense.**

- Asked what happens when an 18 year old is with a 16 year old. **Officer Roth advised it is a crime if the person is convicted; it's up to the District Attorney if they file charges. The 18 year old may or may not go to jail but they may have to register the rest of their life. Now if they are two 16 year olds and one parent complains then they both will be arrested even if it was consensual between the two.**
- Asked what would happen if her teenager son met a girl at a club who had a fake ID and they do stuff they shouldn't. **Officer Roth advised there are so many what ifs and he would be unable to answer that question at that time.**
- Asked if the law has changed. Stated she had a problem with her daughter when she was 13 years old, she ran away with a 27 year old and when she reported it to the police, the police officer told her that they had to be caught in the act to be able to do something about it. **Lt. Rodriguez advised he would be more than happy to look into that but the law hasn't changed. Officer Roth advised he don't know who told her that but our police department is absolutely responsive and knows it would be a priority.**
- Asked is there anything that can be done with festively colored houses. **Councilmember Rutherford advised there is no law as to what color paint your house is. There are CC&R's and those are a private contact between you and your neighbors. You will have to take them to court to try to get the problem resolved.**
- Asked if people can still get married at the library. **Councilmember Rutherford advised yes you can.**
- Advised the repaving of the streets hasn't been done in years and there are huge cracks and he advised he brings this up every meeting and nothing is ever done about it. **Jerry Perez with Public Works advised they are currently going through a contract and they will be waiting until the rainy season is over and probably in March they will be re-slurring the streets.**
- Advised there is a problem house on their cul-de-sac, they are noisy, advised she has called the police department a ton of times and last time they had a verbal fight and by the time the police arrived it was all quiet asked if police officers still go up to the door. **Lt. Rodriguez advised it depends on the type of call, usually they will go up to the door.**
- Advised there is a young man who goes down the street blaring music, asked if he gets a license plate if the officers will check into it. **Lt. Rodriguez advised patrol officers go call to call and if you call and you see that you are not getting much done email him. He advised he will get the guys to check into the problem and make sure it's done. Advised you don't have to wait 3 months to bring up these issues you can email him anytime.**
- Advised last Sunday they were coming down Cherry and Baseline and advised they have never seen so many cars in one spot, they were just

hanging out in the parking lot. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised it is not illegal to gather but give the police department a call and we'll send someone out to evaluate the situation.***

- Advised she saw the same thing at Winco and she called the police department and waited a ½ hour and no one showed up. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised we probably did show up. It's very rare for us not to show up when we are called out. Advised he will get with her after the meeting to get more information to look into it.***
- Advised there was a shooting at the park on Sunday and then another shooting on Remington Court. ***Officer Roth advised the MET Unit is investigating it. Advised they have some good leads. Lt. Rodriguez advised it's a isolated incident followed up with retaliation, there is no big gang issue.***
- Asked if you think things become big issues because the small issues are not being addressed. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised the little things are harder to get rid of than big problems. We try to find ways to help get us through the small things. Advised we do spend a lot of time on the small things but we have to prioritize our calls.***
- Advised she is a volunteer with the police department and she has noticed an increase of tagging. Advised she was given Officer Bink's number and she called on the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th and he has never called her back, so she gave up and called the Graffiti hotline. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised he couldn't tell her why Officer Bink's is not calling her back but he will look into it. Advised there has been a big change in the unit and 5 out of the 11 are left in that unit.***
- Advised the graffiti problem is around Grand Avenue, in and out of the paseos and along the San Sevaine Canal.
- Advised between 6:45 and 7:30 she spots anywhere from 5 to 9 people on Grand Avenue driving while talking on their cell phone.
- Advised the same person who graffiti's in the area graffiti's on the freeway.
- Asked if the city gives solicitors permission to be in the city. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised to give the police department a call.***
- Advised the people at the front desk at the police department are so rude and need public service training.
- Seen a couple of guys driving ice cream trucks who are pedophiles. Advised she blocked them in to get their license to make sure, she called the police department and no officer showed up. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised you don't want to do something like that. Advised they have rights too.***
- Asked what can be done about ice cream trucks selling air soft guns, is it illegal. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised it is not illegal because it is a toy.***
- Advised 3 weeks ago they saw 2 police officers on bikes. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised we've had guys on bikes for about 10 years now. We***

currently have 6 bike officers whose primary function is to patrol the parks in the city.

- Advised they see the helicopter in the area often, asked if they should be concerned. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised if they are going in a really tight circle for like 10 minutes you might want to be concerned but they do regular patrol also.***
- Asked if there was a phone number to call the police department at night. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised the number is (909) 350-7700.***
- Advised graffiti is usually cleaned up faster in the common areas, asked if anything is being done to identify those taggers. ***Eric Garwick with Public Works advised they do go through the paseos with little carts to look for graffiti. If there is a specific problem call 350-GONE. Lt. Rodriguez advised the police department is currently looking into a tracking system for graffiti which will help identify the taggers.***
- Advised there has been a problem at West Constitution and Yosemite Loop for the past 18 years, there is a stop sign there but people run right through it like it's not even there. ***Lt. Rodriguez advised he will send officers out to the location to keep an eye on it and he will also send a note to Traffic Engineering to look at it again.***
- Advised they are very excited to see the new Heritage signs up, advised they look great.

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS NOVEMBER 20, 2008. THE MEETING WILL START AT 6:30 PM AT HERITAGE COMMUNITY CENTER.

PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY NOVEMBER 19, 2008 TO:

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