

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Central Area Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Gary Aulis, Central Area Commander
DATE: February 19, 2008

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 19, 2008

Chief Rodney 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 you will see 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.

Lieutenant Gary Aulis

- Advised once a month the Police department along with city departments meets and there is a presentation given about problems or issues within the city. Once the presentation is complete everyone gives their opinion on how we can make things better.
- The last meeting was about the Metrolink/ Omnitrans transcenter. Below is a review of the presentation:
 - Overview
 - Combination Bus Stop and Train Depot
 - In excess of 3,000 passengers per day on busses alone.
 - Haven for drug and gang activity
 - Restroom Facility
 - Central Area of problems
 - Poor approach for officers
 - Advantageous views from facility
 - Higher number of loiterers
 - More graffiti
 - Decreased passenger safety
 - Crime Trends
 - Restrooms closed 12/1/07- 12/15/07
 - Stats:
 - 21 calls: 11 officer initiated and 1 arrest
 - 4 found property, 3 area checks, 1 TC and 1 battery.

- More importantly, can lead to significant problems with narcotics use due to secure privacy.
- Redesign Restrooms
 - Re-orient doors toward the street
 - Demolish building and rebuild permanent, single stall restrooms.
- Demolish Restrooms
 - City agreed
 - Metrolink agreed
 - Omnitrans opposed
 - One of the largest hubs in the Inland Empire
- Relocate Restrooms
 - Demolish current building
 - Rebuild away from bus stop
 - More central for all passengers
 - Away from both stops
 - Should deter loitering because the restrooms are not near the waiting areas.
- Suggestions/Ideas?
 - Fence restroom area
 - Have a coffee shop at the bus stop

Sergeant Stover-Traffic Unit

- Advised they are reconstructing the permit parking zone. They are taking a look at the current ordinance, registration and signage.
- Advised some of the accidents near schools are due to the parents, school drop offs are high collision times.
- Advised they are establishing boundaries for parking permits. When they find a solution they will take it to council for approval.

Officer Locey-Traffic Unit

- Advised the most dangerous thing you can do is drive around.
- Advised the traffic unit has 8 motors, 3 or 4 DUI cars, and a couple of accident investigators. There are 52-53 schools in Fontana it's hard to cover all of the schools everyday.
- The traffic unit recently conducted the Community Enrichment Program at Sierra to Citrus from Foothill to Valley. 171 parking cites were issued, 39 vehicles were towed and 4 abandoned vehicles were marked and 6 gang members were identified.
- Other programs the traffic unit conducts are the school bus sting, court house sting, enforcement around the schools, crosswalk stings.
- Advised Race weekend is coming up, if at all possible stay away from Cherry from Friday night, Saturday and Sunday all day.

Laura VanSciver-Community Services

- Advised the Cypress Center will be holding their annual Easter Egg hunt on May 22nd.

Mike Lee-Code Compliance

- Advised we got Animal Control on schedule for the next meeting.

- If there is any agency you have questions for please let us know and maybe we can have a rep come to the next meeting.

Councilmember Frank Scialdone

- Relay for Life is May 3rd at Summit High School.
- April 30 to May 6th the Vietnam Wall will be in town which will be hosted by VFW 772.

Questions and Concerns of residents

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

- Asked who they would contact if their friend is interested in starting a coffee shop at the Metrolink station. ***Lt. Aulis advised they can contact either him or David Edgar.***
- Asked if the problems at the Metrolink station have spilled over to the senior centers. ***Lt. Aulis advised the problems have not gone over to the senior center, it's generally in the restroom area at the Metrolink.***
- Asked what number they call when they have a complaint, do they call 911. ***Lt. Aulis advised you can call the business line (909) 350-7740 or our dispatch at (909) 350-7700.***
- Asked if there were any age requirements to ride the bus. ***Lt. Aulis advised not that he is aware of but he will find out.***
- Advised they think the Coffee Shop at the Metrolink was a good idea, asked if there has been a bid awarded for the coffee shop in the new library. ***Chief Jones advised they already have a bid awarded.***
- Advised there is a big problem at Oleander and San Bernardino Avenue where kids deliberately stand and challenge you to cross. Asked if the students can be cited for that. ***Officer Locey advised yes they can be cited, advised the traffic unit does crosswalk stings about every three months.***
- Asked if parents know that their children can get cited. ***Sgt. Stover advised yes they do know, we sent out a flyer explaining the bus sting and the decoy crosswalk sting flyer.***
- Asked about Date and Randall regarding a crosswalk. ***Sgt. Stover advised they can't put a crosswalk because there is no stop sign there.***
- Advised she is just curious, each crossing guard have their own techniques asked if there is a certain why they are suppose to direct traffic. ***Sgt. Stover advised they have to wait out there with the sign up while the pedestrians are crossing.***
- Advised with the permit parking he does not see a problem on his street with kids parking there. ***Sgt. Stover advised part of her job is to anticipate where the problem will go and we are anticipating it probably will go on his street when the permit process because in affect.***
- Asked what School Police does. ***Officer Locey advised they do get involved but their primary function is dealing with disturbances on school grounds and they have about 2 or 3 sworn officers a day on duty. Sgt. Stover advised School Police is highly involved with our***

school bus stings and crosswalk stings. Officer Locey advised School PD is now under our department.

- Asked in a school situation how many tickets are issued of those who jaywalk. **Officer Locey advised unfortunately when the police show up 90% of the problems stop. Advised the traffic unit is coming up with a calendar to deal with schools.**
- Advised since the city has annexed a large area are we going to be getting more police. **Councilmember Scialdone advised the city council anticipated the growth and authorized the police department to hire 18 months before the annexation. We currently have 10 openings for officers. Advised the city has added 45 additional positions in the last 3 years.**
- Advised the lights which were added to Alder at each intersection is just going to make Alder more of a speed zone. **Officer Locey advised engineering has little tricks to change the lights to slow traffic down which prevents people from speeding.**
- Asked if the PD anticipates more accidents now that those lights are in. **Officer Locey advised that usually around new lights there is a higher rate of collision.**
- Advised he noticed that the east and westbound streets are 35 MPH. **Officer Locey advised the speed limits are designed by traffic engineering. Advised Traffic Engineering is now doing speed surveys throughout the city. If they were to lower or higher the speed limit in any area they would have to justify why it's being done. Most city streets are 35 MPH. Most of the speeders in neighborhoods are the people who live there.**
- Asked if there are issues with people getting in your trash cans, asked if that is an issue that the police department will cite for. **Lt. Aulis advised that is a big issue in the city. If you don't call us about these issues we will not know they are happening in your neighborhood.**
- Advised on Tangelo and San Bernardino people are going down the street going through trash cans around 10:30pm. **Lt. Aulis advised he is going to go to Burtec to get a map of their Routes to pass that along to the Officers so they can drive by those areas to check for trash diggers.**
- Asked how long a person from another state or country can keep those plates on without registering with the DMV. **Officer Locey advised it's 30 days, however 9 times out of 10 they are legit.**
- Asked if Fontana profits from the speedway. **Officer Locey advised it's in the county area we have the east side of Cherry only.**
- Asked if the Speedway brings any revenue to the city because it seems like Rancho gets more of the revenue. **Councilmember Scialdone advised we are currently getting hotels which will bring in more revenue for the city but it's usually spilt between Ontario and Rancho Cucamonga.**
- Asked what can be done with stray dogs and cats in the neighborhoods. **Lt. Aulis advised to call Animal Control.**
- Advised in the past Animal Control has wanted the animals to be contained. Asked if they have a complaint on Animal Control who do they contact. **Mike**

Lee from Code Compliance advised if it's a complaint on the service to contact him, if it's a complaint on an employee that would be through the county. Advised Code Compliance regulates their contract with the city.

- ***Asked if there were any laws about pit bulls. Lt. Aulis advised no there is no law against owning a pit bull. With experience, in working with Pit bulls during training they are the nicest dogs. Advised it all depends on how they are raised. Most of the time the problems with pit bulls are problems with the owners.***

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS MAY 20, 2008 AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, 17244 RANDALL (CORNER OF RANDALL/PALMETTO) AT 6:30 PM.

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

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