

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All Attendees of the Central Area Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Chris Tronaas, Central Area Commander
DATE: May 19, 2009

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF May 19, 2009

Lieutenant Chris Tronaas

- Introductions
- Advised he is the Area 3 Area Commander. He started with LAPD for about 2 years and came over to Fontana and has been here for about 25 years. He has worked in Patrol, as a K-9 Officer, Air Unit, Narcotics Unit and for the last 6 years has been in charge of the OES Program (Office of Emergency Services). He has taught CERT Classes which helped prepare citizens on how to prepare for the big earthquake and other disasters. He advised the Community Meetings are held quarterly. If you have a problem or a concern you can email him at ctronaas@fontana.org or call him at (909) 356-7113. He advised the he works Monday through Thursday from 2 pm to midnight.
- Advised the Area Commander Program is designed to have a Lieutenant assigned to each of the 4 areas of the City. If you have a problem in your neighborhood and it's an on going problem and you don't know who to turn to for help, you can call your Area Commander.
- Advised the meetings are designed to be positive and assist with coming up with solutions to problems. We are not here to bash the police department, public works or any other department within the city. If you have a complaint on a specific employee, call the supervisor right away so we can resolve that issue immediately.
- Advised we will have an emergency preparedness presentation at the next meeting.
- Resources:
 - www.fontana.org -has links to departments within the City.
 - Community Connection.
 - "Who ya gonna call" flyer.
 - www.fontanapd.org –has links to report abandoned shopping carts, abandoned vehicles, street lights that are not working, information about the CAP Program and minutes from the meetings.
- Updates:
 - Cruise Night is the 1st Friday of every month. It is located on Spring Street just off of Sierra Ave.
 - Center Stage Theater is now open. For more information please visit www.centerstagefontana.com.

- Swine Flu update-Advised it was made out to be bigger than it really is. In San Bernardino County there are 39 confirmed cases. In California there are 215 confirmed cases and nationwide there are 3,000 cases. There have only been 3 deaths, advised more people die from the common cold each year.
- Military Banner Program- The city has started the Military Banner program. For more information please contact Kyla Brown with Community Services at (909) 428-8360 ext 227.
- Problems for Area 3:
 - Advised there have been some door kick burglaries, which is the only crime that has increased. He stated that the Police Department is currently looking for a Maroon 2001 or 2002 Ford Expedition with tinted windows. The suspects involved are a heavysset black man and a thin black female. Both of the incidents where the suspects were described were homes where the residents were present during the crime and no property was taken. If you have any information regarding this case, please call Detective Moore at (909) 350-7717.
 - In Beat 3, there was a slight increase in commercial burglaries.
 - There was a 21% increase in vehicle burglaries – so please make sure you keep your vehicles locked and make sure you keep your belongings out of plain sight.
 - Stolen vehicles decreased by 30%.
 - Robberies were down by 27%.
 - Residential burglaries were down by 16%.
 - Currently working on a project on Truck Town Truck Stop- advised we have been having on-going problems with prostitution and drugs at the location. We are currently working on getting more lighting at the facility and along with other changes and upgrades.
 - Advised there was a request for a bike rack at Arrow and Sierra. Advised once the construction is completed in the area of Sierra and Arrow, a bike rack will be installed.
 - Advised if you have a foreclosed home in your neighborhood please keep an eye on it and let our Code Enforcement Office know if you observe problem issues with it.
- Citizen's Academy- The academy is designed to give citizens an overview of the Police Department's policies and procedures and units. Classes are taught by Police employees, local Judges and the District Attorney's Office. It's a free nine week academy. Class size is limited so register early. Topic's covered are:
 - Area Commanders
 - Codified Laws
 - Crime Analyst
 - Crime Scene Investigation
 - Defensive Tactics
 - Disaster Readiness

- Dispatch
- Gangs/Narcotics
- Internal Affairs
- Investigations
- K-9 Unit
- Legal System
- Patrol Procedures
- SED
- Special Operations
- Traffic Enforcement
- Volunteering

For more information contact Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758 or email her at hhoward@fontana.org.

- Cypress Overpass Project is progressing, construction is to the point where steel is required for columns which will be installed and heavy equipment will be in the area. Ground shaking will now be experienced. If you have any questions about the project please contact Kevin Ryan at (909) 350-6655. You are also able to view the progress on the city's website.
- Advised Fontana Days Carnival and Run is coming up at the end of May beginning of June.

Sgt. Wolverton-Fontana Unified School Police

- Advised School PD has 2 sergeants, 2 corporals, 1 K-9 Officer and 9 Officers.
- Advised they are just like regular Police Officers. A Fontana Police Department Lieutenant is actually the School Police Chief.
- The K-9 is a drug and gun sniffing dog.
- They have 24-hour dispatch which can be reached at (909) 357-5020. Advised they monitor fire and security alarms.
- There are security cameras on all campuses.
- Officers work from 0600-2300 and from 2300-0600 the school district hired a private security company to supplement their force.
- They service 45 schools, 43,000 students and 6,400 staff members.
- There are 4 high schools, 2 continuation schools, 7 middle schools, 29 elementary schools, 1 adult education school, a school of language development, a warehouse, a maintenance facility and their administration building.
- Jurupa Hills High School is a new \$115 million project with a \$9 million stadium.
- The school is bordered by Slover/Santa Ana and Oleander/Citrus, with 8 buildings and there are 4 classroom wings which are two levels each.
- The school is 45,080 sq. ft. and opens August 2010. They will start with 9th and 10th grade. Victor Uribe will be reassigned from Kaiser High to be the principal at Jurupa Hills High School.
- There are known traffic concerns with Slover and Santa Ana that will be monitored.
- Advised a lot of the students will be from north of the 10 freeway.

- Advised once the high school opens, Jurupa Hills Middle School will be an adult school.
- Advised visitor and staff parking will be off of Oleander and student parking will be off of Citrus.
- There are concerns with students falling from the 2nd story or being pushed, also concerns with the balconies and the alcoves between buildings, along with traffic before and after school along with local traffic.
- Advised the buses will use the south parking lot.
- The school is monitored with 25 cameras.
- Advised there are 8 stairwells and all buildings have an abundance of natural light.

Lt. Tronaas

- 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
- Coplogic was started in early February and from early February to the end of March we issued 473 case numbers from this program and saved approximately 596 officer hours.

Questions and Concerns of Residents

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- Asked about vacant houses with weeds and if there is anything that can be done with that. **Mike Lee with Code Enforcement advised they**

can't just go on someone's property to cut the weeds, we have to get warrants to do so. Advised weed abatement starts Thursday and all inspectors will be checking properties throughout the city.

- Asked if fireworks were still allowed. **Lt. Tronaas advised yes they are still allowed, also advised the city will be having their annual fireworks show at Auto club Speedway this year.**
- Advised there is a new crime mapping on the police department's website.
- Asked as far as crime, if there is any way to find out what is going on in your area when officers are out there. **Lt. Tronaas advised sometimes we can not give that information out, but we usually issue press releases if it's anything significant. The Police Department will issue a press release that gets sent to all newspapers in the area. The papers usually print the story in their newspapers.**
- Asked what if the police are in your neighborhood all the time for a specific house. **Lt. Tronaas advised to call him.**
- Advised there has been an increase of break in's at the Metrolink and they spoke with the security guard there and he said there is nothing he can do until the victim calls it in to the police department. **Lt. Tronaas advised anyone can call in a vehicle burglary not just the victim. A burglary can be called in by a witness or passerby.**
- Advised she has noticed that if the graffiti is behind a chain link fence, the city personnel do not remove it. **Lt. Tronaas advised if it's on private property they have to get permission from the property owner to be able to remove it.**
- Advised City Manager Hunt has started a blog on the city website.
- Advised a neighbor's house is foreclosed and it has a spa, asked who do you call for that. **Lt. Tronaas advised you should call Code Enforcement.**
- Asked if it was possible to get San Bernardino County Code Compliance to do a presentation at the meeting. **Lt. Tronaas advised we will look into it.**
- Asked about illegal vendors. **Lt. Tronaas advised we do have a problem with them, if you see them please call the police department.**
- Asked if anything can be done with the people who buy from the illegal vendors. **Lt. Tronaas advised no there is nothing we can do about the people who purchase from the vendors, however if they litter or something like that we can issue them a citation.**
- Asked for the raw numbers on violent crimes. **Lt. Tronaas advised as of April of this year there were zero homicides, last year April there were also zero homicides. As for rapes we had two for both this April and April of last year. Robberies this year there were 22, last year there were 26. Assaults this year there were 35 and last year there were 46.**
- Asked what you attribute the decrease of crime to. **Lt. Tronaas advised our clientele is better. We are one officer per 1200 or 1300 residents. Also the 3 strikes law is a lot of help. Our whole city is changing and**

constantly improving; when you look at the north end of Fontana, it resembles Rancho Cucamonga, as opposed to years ago. Advised when he started the population was only 35,000, now we are at approx. 189,000.

- ***Asked how much drug dealing is happening in the city. Lt. Tronaas advised we do see a lot of it, however most of the time it's in the county area. It's all over not just in Fontana.***
- ***Asked how Area 3 does in comparison to the rest of the city as far as violent crimes. Lt. Tronaas advised Area 3 is doing really well. Area 1 residential burglaries went up 61%, however vehicle burglaries were down. Area 2 all the areas of crime were down. Also Area 4 show decreases in crime as well.***
- ***Asked how many yard sales are permitted per residence. Lt. Tronaas advised 2 per year, 1 every six months.***
- ***Advised he was told by a Code Enforcement Officer that they are not proactive. Is this true? Lt. Tronaas advised most of the time they are not proactive, they usually respond to and deal with complaints, which is reactive.***

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS August 18, 2009 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 August 17, 2009 TO:

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