

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Central Area Community Meeting
FROM: Lieutenant Gary Aulis, Central Area Commander
DATE: August 18, 2008

SUBJECT: COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2008

Lieutenant Gary Aulis

- Introductions
- Advised the Community Meetings are held quarterly.
- 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 thing and you don't know who to turn to for help you can call your Area Commander.
- Advised he is the Area Commander for Area 3 which is everything from Foothill to the I 10 freeway. You can get his email address and phone number off of the website. If you have a problem or a concern you can email him or call him.
- Resources:
 - www.fontana.org -has links to departments within the city.
 - Community Connection
 - Who ya gonna call
 - 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:
 - As of July 1st the city has it's own Fire Department. The Fire Department used to be part of the largest district in the county and Fontana was the largest city in that district. The City has decided to contract with the San Bernardino County Fire Department and create our own Fire Department.
 - Cruise Night is the 1st Friday of every month.
 - The Library is open and there are over 200 computers for public access.
 - Fontana Park is due to open October 25, 2008.
 - Center Stage Theater is now open.
 - Thursday night's at Miller Park they have Concerts in the park

Officer Matt Roth- Sexual Offenders and Sexual Registrants

- 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.

Questions and Concerns of residents

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

- Asked if a peeping tom is a sex offender. **Officer Roth advised it depends on the type of peeping tom.**
- Asked what you can do if you check Megan's law website and see that a sex offender is living just a block away from you. **Officer Roth advised there is**

nothing you can do just be aware they are there. Advised to meet your neighbor, don't be afraid to talk to your neighbor. Make sure you call the police department when you see something suspicious because an officer can drive down the street and what may look suspicious to you might not look suspicious to an officer.

- Asked if you have to call daily about a problem. Advised there is a girl from 11:00 to 11:50 sits on her block wall and she calls on it constantly. ***Lt. Aulis advised you don't have to call daily, if it's something that is reoccurring then you can call him.***
- Advised when they call in it seems like they are bothering the dispatcher. Advised he has been trying to get a hold of a Narc's officer however he had to talk to a SBSO's narc officers to get the message back to Fontana's Narc's Unit. ***Lt. Aulis advised if you call regarding a narcotic's problem we probably won't send a patrol unit out but we will send out undercover officers. Advised there is no good explanation for the dispatchers; they shouldn't be making you feel like a pain. Advised he will talk to them.***
- Advised he saw 4 to 5 officers talking to 1 guy, advised you don't need to have 4 to 5 officers there, advised at the same time he called regarding shots fired and the dispatcher asked him how he knew it was shots fired. ***Lt. Aulis advised if you feel like you are getting the run around then ask to speak with the Watch Commander.***
- Advised she lives near two vacant houses one with the fence down. Advised she called 911 about two weeks ago and the call got lost. Advised everyone is going through that broken fence which is causing a lot of problems for the neighborhood. The houses have been tagged, there are kids hanging out there. Advised two kids jumped on her fence today and she told them to get off, advised she don't know these kids, they were about 15 to 17 years old and it happened around 4pm on Encina and Filbert. ***Lt. Aulis advised repos are popping up all over. Code Compliance does what they can to get the banks to comply, advised Code can put a lien on the property and fix the problem however that process takes time. Do everything you can to get to know your neighbors. Advised he will drive the neighborhood to see where the problems are generating from and will keep up with them.***
- Advised there is a simple solution, the fence is down so have code lien the property and fix it. ***Mike Lee with Code Compliance advised there are certain things we can do and can not do. Fences are not a requirement. We have to take a look at it by a case by case basis. The goal is to make it as safe as possible. We need to have a reason for action.***
- Asked if there was a law in Fontana about house colors because there is a house painted Halloween orange with a black roof. ***Mike Lee advised there is no law covering house colors. However you can take legal ramifications as a private citizen; that is your right.***
- Advised there is a house that uses utilities illegally and everyone she has talked to when she tries to report it has turned the responsibility over to

someone else who turns it over to someone else. ***Lt. Aulis advised to speak with him after the meeting and he'll look into it.***

- Advised if you go about 3 ½ miles on Arrow you can count at least 4 different guys with carts, is there anything being done about that. ***Lt. Aulis advised we are doing something about them but the problem is they usually don't have ID so we issue them a citation and confiscate their cart but they turn around and get another cart and are back out there again. The MET Unit did a sting on Mother's day and confiscated 48 carts and issued 30 citations. The problem is identifying them.***
- Advised every night at Jack Bulick park push cart vendors are at the park from 5pm to 7pm. Advised at the Fontana High School Graduation there were all kinds of vendors there and the police didn't do anything. ***Lt. Aulis advised if they know they are there everyday it's easier to take care of the problem.***
- Advised on Hawthorne and Cypress there is an abandoned vehicle and it has not been towed advised it has been marked but no one came back to tow it. ***Lt. Aulis advised they can not tow it right now. The Police Department is currently working on revamping the code to tow it. State law gives us authority to tow vehicles if we have a city ordinance but the city's existing ordinance is out of compliance with the law, which is what we are currently working on.***
- Advised on Valley and Sierra on the median there are always vendors there and a police officer drove right past him and didn't say anything to him. ***Lt. Aulis advised it is a continual problem that the PD is aware of, but it is difficult to eliminate due to the ID problems mentioned previously and the fact that these particular vendors are difficult to reach due to traffic. They frequently run through traffic lanes when they see police coming.***
- Advised month by month it looks worse and worse with yard sales every weekend. ***Lt. Aulis advised we know it's a big problem and Code Compliance knows it's a big problem and knows who the reoccurring offenders are. Mike Lee advised we do not have the man power to be proactive, advised they respond to complaints, so call Code and let them know.***
- Advised Tom's Burgers moves their food outside, advised she called Code Compliance and 3 weeks later she got a call back stating that Code Compliance are down so many people and they have been busy and they haven't had time to check out the complaint. ***Lt. Aulis advised Code Compliance tries to get compliance. They 1st let the people know of the violation and they give them an amount of time for the violation to be fixed, they will then go back out to assess the situation. All problems Code Compliance deals with will not be handled overnight.***
- Advised when she called regarding the problem they advised her they get off of work at 6 pm and if they don't see it they don't have proof that that is what is happening. ***Lt. Aulis advised he would refer those problems to the area commander then. Advised he doesn't want a patrol officer to deal with those types of problems, advised he will be able to get the MET***

Unit or the Crime Prevention Unit to work with The County Health Department to deal with problems such as that.

- Asked who they contact when he's not in the office or he's on vacation. ***Lt. Aulis advised you can just ask for the Watch Commander.***
- Advised traffic on Citrus has disregard for the speed limit. Advised he appreciates the officers on motorcycles. Advised one officer informed him they don't even stop anyone who does less than 50 mph, asked if there was any discussion with the city about getting modern technology in the area to catch speeders. ***Lt. Aulis advised we have a radar trailer we can put in the area and that would actually help to deter people from speeding. Advised the city has looking into possibly getting the red light cameras in the past but the city is not interested at this point.***
- Advised he is a retired probation officer and was wondering if the police department still has the volunteer program because he would be interested in becoming a volunteer. ***Lt. Aulis advised yes we still have the volunteer program and if you would like more information please call Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758.***
- Advised they appreciate what Fontana has done with the Parks and Rec Unit and advised the Police Department is doing a good job.
- Advised his name is Dave Jane and he is a deputy reserve. Advised he lives in an area which was annexed by the city of Fontana a few years ago. Advised he has only seen police in his area twice over the past year advised he has cameras to prove it. Advised people come from the projects on Linden, asked if we can get some officers out there more often. ***Lt. Aulis advised he will put in a request for extra patrol.***
- Advised a neighbor had left 13 cats and he caught them all and had them in a cage. Called Animal Control to pick them up and they informed him they can't come on their property because they don't have permission to go on to the property.
- Advised a house on San Bernardino and Juniper has new appliances being delivered to his house every weekend. Asked if they can park in front of the property. ***Lt. Aulis advised as long as you are parked legally you can park there.***
- Advised the same thing happens between Randall and Merrill on Alder with the business being run out of the house.
- Advised a family moved in and they cleaned up the house but now the front yard is full of construction stuff and they are operating a business out of there. Advised the house is on Hawthorne and Holly on the east side. ***Lt. Aulis advised he will check it out.***
- Advised no one stops at a red light or stop sign when making a right hand turn not even officers.
- Asked if semi-trucks are allowed on Sierra. ***Lt. Aulis advised they are only allowed on Sierra when making a delivery.***
- Advised the police did a fine job with an accident in their area. The officers got control of the situation and they also caught two guys.

- Advised she lives on Upland and one night she got a phone call from the police department saying there were two police officer's outside who wanted to speak with her. She said her front door was wide open and they wanted to make sure everything was ok. She advised she appreciated the officers who checked on her.
- Asked if the phone number's on the Who Ya Gonna Call form are 24 hour numbers. ***Lt. Aulis advised it depends on the phone number.***
- Asked if Code Compliance is open on the weekends. ***Lt. Aulis advised yes they are open on the weekend, but they are rarely in the office on weekends. If you would like to report illegal yard sales please call our dispatch and they will dispatch a Code Compliance Inspector out.***
- Advised he is glad to see San Bernardino Avenue finally done, asked what took so long. ***Keith Kramer with Public Works advised a lot of the delays were from Utility conflicts and apologized for the project taking so long.***
- Advised she lives on Randall and Alder and recently a traffic signal was installed there which took all the parking from the street because of the left turn lane they added. Advised this causes some near misses when trying to get out of her driveway. Advised she can't even have guests over because there is now no parking in front of her house. Asked if there was anyway to change the left turn lane into a regular lane and just have opposing traffic stop so cars can make a left turn. Advised it would have been nice to get a notice that these changes were occurring however she never received anything notifying her of the changes. Advised it also affects Merrill and Alder. ***Keith Kramer from Public Works advised unfortunately the left turn lanes do eliminate some parking but he will pass on the suggestion to our engineering department.***
- Advised they have concerns with the traffic with Winco, you can now only turn right on Cherry and turn right on Foothill. ***Lt. Aulis advised with the street widening and the amount of traffic the medians are designed to make the road safer and prevent accidents.***

THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS November 4, 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 November 3, 2008 TO:

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