



FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT CITY OF FONTANA



TO: All Attendees of Area 4 Community Meeting
FROM: Lt. Angela Stover, Area Commander Beat 4
DATE: October 5, 2009
SUBJECT: October 1, 2009 Community Meeting Minutes

Chief Jones

- Welcomed all in attendance.
- Advised he gave Lt. Stover the night off tonight because he likes taking over one of each area commanders meetings so he can get in touch with the residents.
- Introductions included Ted Porlas from Code Compliance; Todd Heagstedt from Public Services; Sergio Quiroz from Landscaping; Dave Teater from Engineering, Officer Aranda, Officer Landaverde, Officer Vanderkallen, Officer Freeman, Officer Waggoner, Cpl. Delatorre, Sgt. Escarpe, and Councilmember John Roberts.
- Community policing is us, the police department, along with the residents working together to improve the quality of life issues, which is one of the reasons the Area Commander Program was developed within the police department.
- Crime statistics (includes residential and industrial):

We had a lot of factors which were pointing to us not having a good year because when the economy goes bad usually so does the crime rate; however, this was not the case for us.

The first eight months of this year compared to the first eight months of last year we were down in every category as far as crime stats were concerned.

- Other Stats (August 2009 compared to August 2008)
 1. Officer Proactive time was up 8%
 2. Part 1 Crime reports down 1%
 3. Calls for Service down 5%
 4. Priority one response time up 12 seconds
 5. Priority two response time up 7 seconds

- Advised everyone to visit our website to get the link to the new crime mapping software we are using or visit www.crimemapping.com
- Over the next year or so, when you visit the Police Department or City Hall you will notice some construction. We are re-doing the parking lot; there will be some construction along with re-stripping of the parking lot.
- The Police Department was built in 1987 and when we moved into it we were already at capacity. We will be doing construction in the Police Department and the downstairs garage area will be turned into office space. We have already remodeled a couple of our offices.
- If you have not checked it out yet, please stop by and see the newly renovated council chambers.
- The city is in a good position to weather the storm as far as the budget goes. The city's budget has been balanced without there being any significant cuts to any programs. However, this does not consider anything the state will take, so until the state balances their budget we will not know what is going to happen.
- The State cut the prison systems budget from \$10.2 billion to \$8.8 billion. The prison systems are over capacity and they need to release about 144,000 people within the next two years. We currently don't know how they are going to do this. They said they will probably release those who committed property crimes such as burglary and auto theft. The state also recently closed the Parole Office in Fontana.
- October 10-11 is the Auto Club Speedway race so if at all possible please avoid the area around the speedway. There will be road closures so if you need to travel on the west side of the city, please call the Traffic Unit so they can give you the best possible route around the traffic congestion during those days.

Concerns of South Fontana residents:

- **Advised they don't understand why when five blocks away there is a party that shakes their walls how come officers still wait to get a complaint before they do something about it.**
 - Chief Jones advised per the penal code we need to have a victim to enforce a noise problem; however a police officer can not be the victim, so we rely on the residents around to call us to notify us of what is going on. Once we get the call, the officers have options to use to take care of the noise problem.
- **Advised Code Compliance is doing a great job with Ice Cream Vendors.**
- **Asked if someone is allowed to mow their lawn at 6am.**
 - Chief Jones advised no; they are allowed to start at 7am.

- **Asked how far can you go on improving an easement by making it a playground or a basketball court, etc.?**
 - Chief Jones advised that it depends on the property. Advised her to give him a call and he will get her in contact with the County Recorder's Office to get more information.
- **Asked when graffiti is on a mailbox whose responsibility is it to get it removed.**
 - Chief Jones advised ultimately it's the homeowner's responsibility; however, if the house is vacant please call 350-GONE, so we can get it removed as quickly as possible.
- **Asked if parents are being fined for juveniles who are being caught doing graffiti.**
 - Chief Jones advised yes there is a fine in addition to what they have to pay the city back.
- **Advised at 14453 Glenoak Pl. there is a vacant home that has had a tv in the front yard for over a month now.**
 - Chief Jones advised that is something Code Compliance will take care of.
- **Advised just east of that property there is a house for rent and the lawn is all dead.**
 - Chief Jones advised that is also something Code Compliance will take care of.
- **Advised at 12064 Kenwood, there is a house which all the boards were taken off and it looks like a project home. However, they have been working on that house for about two years now and they only work on it every three months or so.**
 - Chief Jones also advised that is something Code Compliance can look into.
- **Advised the more prominent areas for graffiti is in the Country Club Estates on Via Larga and Panorama and also Sycamore Hills Park.**
 - Chief Jones advised him to get with Sgt. Escarpe after the meeting to pass on the information.
- **Asked if the narcotics number on the "Who ya gonna Call" form is a 24 hours number.**
 - Chief Jones advised no it is not but you can leave a message.
- **Advised the landscaping is deteriorating over the years, especially in the areas of Banana, Cherry, and Live Oak. Advised someone tried to cut the bushes however they cut them too low.**
 - Sergio Quiroz advised the reason they were cut low was because they are trying to redesign them. Advised Banana is in the process of getting replanted.

- **Asked about the streets being repaved.**
 - Todd Heagstedt advised the roads will be getting "Type 2 slurry seal."
- **Asked when the construction on Jurupa will be done because the sign says it will be completed on August 10th.**
 - Dave Teater advised we had some problems with the utility companies which didn't allow us to complete the project on time. However, it might be completed by December 1st.
- **Asked if residents should have received prior notice before the electricity is shut off.**
 - Dave Teater advised usually if it's a planned outage Edison does send notices out; however, this might have been an emergency outage where they didn't have time to send out notices.
- **Asked if the city of Fontana has a street sweeper.**
 - Yes we do, street sweeping is done every two weeks on Monday.
- **Advised since the grand opening of Bank of America in the Stater Bros shopping center there have been no stop signs installed and advised they have seen many accidents at the location.**
 - Chief Jones advised we don't have control over where the stops signs are installed on private property. You need to contact the property owner.
- **Advised at the signal at Canyon Crest and Cherry, the left turn lane always backs up.**
 - Dave Teater advised they will look into the problem. It might be that the light might need to be adjusted because it's too short.
- **Advised she had an issue with the city for 28 years and advised Todd took care of the problem just as he said he would.**
- **Advised on Poplar and Jurupa near the Chicken coops when it gets windy there are feathers flying all over the place.**
 - Chief Jones advised that is something Code Compliance can look into.
- **Asked what happened the other night at the park.**
 - Chief Jones advised we had an incident where someone thought they were a good rock climber however he turned out to be not as good as he thought and had to be rescued from the side of the mountain
- **Advised he added on to his house about 3 years ago so they can stay in the city of Fontana rather than moving to Rancho Cucamonga or Upland. Advised he has noticed more and more speeding in the recent year and asked what the percentage of tickets officers give for speeding is.**
 - Chief Jones advised he is not sure of the percentage of citation which are strictly for speeding however advised him to get in contact with Sgt.

Morris of the Traffic Unit with specific locations of the speeding and we will have our officers do some enforcement at those locations.

- **Advised they see a lot of people running the stop sign at Live Oak and Cherry.**
- **Asked if you see someone speeding can they turn in the license plate number.**
 - Chief Jones advised yes you can but don't put yourself in harms way.
- **Advised they pay an association fee on their property and was wondering what percentage of that fee goes to what.**
 - Chief Jones advised him to get with him after the meeting so he can get his information and have someone who can give him that information get in touch with him.
- **Commended the police department for protecting our area and also complimented Code Compliance on the vacant home turnaround.**
- **Asked for Cert program information.**
 - The Community Emergency Response Team is an emergency preparedness program supported by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). FEMA began promoting nationwide use of the CERT Concept in 1994 based on a model created and implemented by the Los Angeles City Fire Department (LAFD) in 1985. Following a series of earthquakes in the United States and Mexico that left hundreds dead, injured, and without emergency services, the LAFD recognized that well-trained civilian emergency work force teams are vital for disaster situations when the scope of incidents overwhelm conventional emergency services. Following a major disaster, first responders who provide fire and medical services will not be able to meet the demands of the community. Factors such as; the number of victims, communication failures, and road blockages will prevent citizens from utilizing the emergency services they have come to expect through the 911 system. Citizens will have to rely on each other for help in order to meet their immediate life saving and life sustaining needs. CERT trained citizens are better prepared to respond to and cope with the aftermath of a disaster. Fontana CERT Program has a seven week CERT training course. Classes are held one night a week and each class is from 7pm to 9:30pm, followed by a Saturday disaster simulation drill from 9am to 12pm. For more information please contact Laura Wolbert at (909) 428-8368.
- **Asked when Jurupa is completed is there going to be landscaping.**
 - Sergio Quiroz advised yes there will be landscaping.

- **Advised the sprinklers on the center medians are not watering the landscaping however are water the streets.**
- **Asked what the percentage of squatters are in Fontana.**
 - Chief Jones advised it's hard to say because sometimes no one knows they are actually squatters.
- **Asked what homeowners can do when they see possible squatters.**
 - Chief Jones advised if you think there are squatters in your area please call the police department and we'll check it out.
- **Advised he has heard when squatters move in property they have rights.**
 - Chief Jones advised no they don't, regardless they are still trespassing.
- **Asked what can be done with houses that are lived in but have a dead lawn.**
 - Chief Jones advised if you have houses in your neighborhood such as that, please call Code Compliance to report it.

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