

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 4 Community Meeting
FROM: Eric Wendt, Lieutenant
DATE: January 15, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2008

Lieutenant Eric Wendt

- Introductions
- Advised he is the Area Commander for the south end of the City (Interstate 10 to the Riverside County Line). Call him at 350-7708 or e-mail him at ewendt@fontana.org with questions pertaining to the City or to the Police Department. If you need the police to respond to a call, call the police dispatch center at 350-7700.
- Advised community meetings are held every quarter. Community policing addresses not only law issues but quality of life issues as well. Advised the problem might not always be a police issue but Lt. Wendt will point you in the right direction of who to contact or contact them for you.
- Advised the city is broken up into four areas. The Area Commander for north of I-210 Freeway is Lieutenant Bloom, I-210 freeway to Foothill is Lieutenant Weissmann. Foothill to Interstate 10 is Lieutenant Aulis, and from Interstate 10 to Riverside County Line it's Lieutenant Wendt.
- Advised the Police Department's website is www.fontanapd.org. Visit the website for useful information.
- On the city's website there is a link to Community Connection, click on the link and it takes you to a page which has a lot of information in regards to the city and upcoming events. You can sign up for Community Connection and it will be emailed to you in the future.
- Advised the City website is www.Fontana.org. It is a good source of information, such as "Who Ya Gonna Call" link which has numerous city telephone numbers and also the Graffiti Hotline (350-GONE), also a link on PD website-www.fontanapd.org.
- Advised the community meeting minutes are on the website. You may print out a copy of the minutes. A copy will also be e-mailed to all attendees within two weeks before the next meeting date. **Go to the website www.fontanapd.org. Click on "community meetings", and then click on "community meeting minutes" (at the bottom of the page).**
- The Police Department Website has information about the Citizen's Academy, CERT and other programs we offer. The Citizen's Academy is a nine week class starting March 6th to May 1st and they teach you several topics regarding law enforcement and how the police department works along with the court system etc, for more information please contact Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758. The CERT program

will start classes January 17th. It's a free eight week class teaching everything you need to know in case of an emergency. For more information about the CERT Program Call Lt. Tronaas at (909) 350-7778.

- Advised there have been some major changes at the police department. Chief Rod Jones is the newly appointed chief upon Chief Clark's retirement and Alan Hostetter was named Deputy Chief. (Some may remember Deputy Chief Hostetter from the Verified Alarm Policy presentation.)
- Police Personnel update: 200 approved sworn positions, 189 of those positions are filled. The city's population is currently 182,257 and is suppose to be increasing next month.
- Military Banner program- The city of Fontana is looking for Fontana residents who are currently serving on active duty in the military. The service person will be honored with a banner that will list his/her name and branch. The banner will be proudly displayed on a thoroughfare within the city. This program is designed to support, recognize, and express appreciation to individuals and their families for those who are currently active in the US Military service serving overseas. The effort is a collaboration between the city of Fontana, American Legion Post 262 and the Fontana Chamber of Commerce. If you would like more information please contact the Fontana Chamber of Commerce at (909) 822-4433.
- Advised on the website there will be new maps which will map out the Neighborhood Watch groups in the city you just move your cursor over your area and if there is a star there the icon will give you the information regarding the block information. If you would like to start your own Neighborhood Watch Group please contact Amber Smith with the Police Department at (909) 350-7710 or Asmith@fontana.org.
- The new noise ordinance is now in effect. This gives the officers the ability to cite the offenders rather than having a neighbor sign a complaint form.
- With the housing market, the rate of foreclosures are up if you see any abandoned houses that are not being kept up please call (909) 350-7686 to report them.
- The new Fontana Library is scheduled to open in April of this year.
- The new City Hall addition is also slated to open soon.
- The Cherry project should be complete April of 2008.
- The Jurupa widening project is scheduled to begin in 2008 there will be 5 phases which Jurupa will be widened from city limit to city limit with half mile breaks with signals.
- There will be 2 hotels on Sierra and Slover and also a sit down restaurant with those hotels.

THE ITEMS IN BOLD PRINT REFLECT ACTIONS TAKEN

Concerns of South Fontana residents:

- Asked what can be done about street vendors (push carts). ***Lt Wendt advised they are not allowed in the city. If you see them call our dispatch and they will put in a call. The traffic unit along with Code Compliance do sweeps every once in a while and they go out looking for these guys. If you see them call the police department. Ice Cream trucks are not allowed to play music at all if you hear of any please call the police department.***

- Asked if we have a code stating the Ice Cream trucks can be within a certain number of feet from schools. ***Lt. Wendt advised yes we do they are not allowed within 1000 feet of schools or parks.***
- Advised there is a boat parked in front of a house. ***Lt. Wendt advised to call dispatch because they are not allowed to park on the streets.***
- Advised there are kids running around, riding skate boards on Susanne Drive for more than a year. ***Lt. Wendt advised if there are any issues about juveniles please call the police department.***
- Advised he walked to the meeting and there were 46 different incidents of graffiti on the way to the meeting. Advised in the flood control there is a huge banner of graffiti. The graffiti on the sidewalks is getting worse and it's not getting taken care of. Advised there is graffiti just north of Cherry that says F- the Cops and its still there. Some with Fontana Kings crossed out and Head Hunter's written in and he calls in and nothing happens. ***Lt. Wendt advised to make sure you call in the specific location of the graffiti. Dan West with Public Works advised for him to give him more information after the meeting so he will check into it. Dan West advised there is not much that can be done with the flood control because it's the county and they will not allow us down there to clean it up and it takes 6 to 8 months to get their permission to be able to go and clean that up. Lt. Faulkner advised the Kings also hit Summit High School. We have officers who work on gang graffiti and also tagging graffiti so make sure you call it in when you see it. Eric Garwick advised the flood control has always been a huge issue and the graffiti crew working 7 days a week.***
- Asked how late someone can stay in the park. ***Lt. Wendt advised the park closes at 10pm.***
- Advised there are always people in the Shadow Hills Park even at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. ***Lt. Wendt advised Shadow Hills Park has been a problem for months and the officers are aware of the complaints. We put some Met officers (undercover) in the park and came up with no arrests. We do continue to do extra patrol of the park though. If there are people in the park after 10pm please call the police department.***
- Advised on the north side of Jurupa between Poplar and Live Oak there is a huge problem with tumbleweeds. ***Eric Garwick advised with the current winds being as bad as they were there are many complaints such as this. There is a contractor for that area and they have been trying to control that area and they go out on a regular basis picking up huge loads of tumbleweeds.***
- Advised he lives off of Cherry and had a fig which was growing on the other side of his wall and they came and cut it and left dead fig on his side. ***Eric Garwick advised the landscape has to be within 2 feet of the wall and it has to be maintained to those standards per the city code.***
- Advised the landscapers have done a better job from the last meeting. ***Dan West advised Landscaping has one full time guy working 7 days a week.***
- Asked if there was anything illegal about him painting walls when there is graffiti. ***Dan West advised there is no sense in you maintaining the city area we pay guys to do that and just FYI Edison has started their own graffiti removal program also.***

Lt. Wendt advised the graffiti program is very effective and quick. Mayor Nuaimi advised we are paying \$600,000 a year to clean graffiti

- Asked what the plans are for the street crack sealing because the streets are over 20 years old. *Mayor Nuaimi advised we map all the roads in Fontana and it also depends on the budget but we try to get the areas of concern we will either re-slurry or re-pave completely. 10% of our annual budget goes to Capital Maintenance such as this.*
- Advised those Adelphia boxes are damaged and asked if there is anything the city can do about them. *Dan West advised yes the city can call but also the residents can all Adelphia and complain.*
- Advised he has a problem with people parking in front of his house. *Lt. Wendt advised unfortunately there is nothing that can be done it's a public road and as long as the vehicle is parked legal there is not much a police officer can do.*
- Advised one of his neighbors has people living in the garage. *Lt. Wendt advised that would be a code compliance issue and to contact code compliance.*
- Asked if CSO's check the legality of the vehicle being on the street when they check abandoned vehicles. *Lt. Wendt advised yes they do they check the registration and if it's hasn't been registered for more than 6 months they can tow the vehicle. Mayor Nuaimi advised these parking issues are just common courtesy and it is frustrating. Suggested he talk with multiple neighbors.*
- Advised she has neighbors who are no good. A girl was walking to school to pick up her sister and the neighbors started being very disrespectful to her, advised her kids are not allowed outside anymore and those people own the house. Asked what the neighborhood is supposed to do. *Mayor Nuaimi advised that you should call the police each time they victimize you make sure you report it.*
- Asked if there was something the city can do to get them out of there. *Mayor Nuaimi advised with renters the city has a lot of luck with but it's very hard to kick someone out of a home they purchased but if they are breaking the law call the police.*
- Asked if juveniles only get citation. *Lt. Wendt advised there are limitations to what we can do. Juvenile Hall will not take misdemeanor violators, so there is a limit to what they will accept.*
- Advised he lives in the area which was recently annexed and advised they were promised a better, cleaner life and has not got anything that was promised but dirt and fumes. Advised he lives on Boyle between Citrus and Oleander and there is probably about 30-50 houses there and there are more cars and diesels on the street. Advised he was told to conserve energy but now he has to keep his windows and doors closed because of all the pollution. Advised his neighbors are parking on dirt and trailers are being parked empty on the street near Oleander and Cypress there are two parked in a row and you can't see around them. When he calls dispatch the dispatcher tells him trailers can park in industrial zones and he lives in an industrial zone so there is nothing the police can do for him. *Lt. Wendt advised commercial vehicles are not allowed to park anywhere in the city unless they are making a delivery. If they are parked there call the police Department.*
- Advised trucks always park on Redwood and Jurupa at the back end of that business. *Mayor Nuaimi advised that area is still county area. Mayor Nuaimi advised as far*

as the recently annexed areas, Code Compliance gave those residents three years to comply with city standards.

- *Advised he talked with Luis in Code Compliance and he was supposed to meet with him but he has yet to show up. Advised the streets are 22 feet wide and trucks are going down the street constantly on Boyle. There is dirt on his patio he has to wash off because if he sweeps it it'll come right back. Mike Lee advised he will talk to him after the meeting.*
- *Advised they would like to get speed bumps on their street. Chief Jones advised that would be impossible. The fire department don't like speed bumps and plus speed bumps do not solve the problem.*
- *Asked if there was an update on the renaming of Cherry Avenue. Mayor Nuaimi advised the speedway was thinking of changing Cherry but there has been no formal paperwork filed for the changing of the street name.*
- *Advised she has a lot of speeders on her street. Jones advised most of the time you have speeder in the neighborhood because they are your neighbors. Mayor Nuaimi advised his biggest frustration is residents expecting police officers to be at your street when something happens and the residents don't call. You have to call the police so they can respond. We spend \$40 million on police services and we have a fantastic police force.*
- *Asked what is being done about the traffic on Sierra and the 10 freeway, wouldn't it be better to have an officer direct traffic instead of writing tickets. Mayor Nuaimi advised to alleviate congestion on Sierra the Cypress overpass is going to be built and the Citrus overpass reconstruction and also Cherry, between now and eight years you will see a major difference. Also advised every single light there is hooked together and are coordinating, having an officer direct traffic would probably just make things worse.*
- *Advised when you are going over the bridge you can not see the light at the top, then we have a sign that says do not block the intersection. Chief Jones advised the police don't need a sign to cite someone for blocking the intersection it's a state law. Advised if we were to keep the light green longer then the traffic on the freeway would back up. Cal-Trans control those signals so there is not much that can be done about the length of each signal. Mayor Nuaimi advised the city fronted \$30 million for the Cypress overpass to help alleviate some of the congestion on Sierra. The overpasses will be the only way to solve the congestion on Sierra.*
- *When Sierra was converted they said it would get better now it's more of a mess and now we have to wait eight years for a solution. Most of the problem is the light at Valley and Sierra. Lt. Wendt advised the problem is there are too many cars.*
- *Asked why the city didn't think about these problems when they were doing construction on the Sierra overpass and now there is going to be two hotels in the area which will bring more traffic. Mayor Nuaimi advised we build improvements as we can afford them. Having a restaurant on this side of the freeway will alleviate people having to go over the freeway to go to a restaurant over there.*
- *Advised she is concerned with break-ins. Lt. Wendt advised we recently caught three residential burglars, 1 vehicle burglar and 1 vehicle thief. Neighbors need to watch out for one another.*

- Asked if they were juveniles. *Lt. Wendt advised the 3 residential burglars were juveniles a neighbor called it in saying 3 people jumped the wall. The best thing for you to do is to start a Neighborhood Watch or at least get to know your neighbors.*

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 3, 2008, AT 6:30 P.M. AT SOUTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL (14500 LIVE OAK). PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY APRIL 2, 2008 TO:

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