

**CITY OF FONTANA
FONTANA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

TO: All attendees of the Area 4 Community Meeting
FROM: Eric Wendt, Lieutenant
DATE: April 8, 2008

SUBJECT: Community Meeting Minutes of April 3, 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 he will 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 Rodriguez, Foothill to Interstate 10 is Lieutenant Aulis, and from Interstate 10 to Riverside County Line is Lieutenant Wendt.
- Advised the Police Department's website is www.fontanapd.org. Visit the website for useful information.
- 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, the Graffiti Hotline (350-GONE), and there is also a link to the PD website- www.fontanapd.org.
- On the city's website there is a link to the 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 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 City Public Works now picks up abandoned shopping carts. You can report them on-line or call 350-6760.
- 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 which runs March 6th to May 1st, and they teach you several topics

regarding law enforcement, how the police department works, along with the court system. For more information please contact Heather Howard at (909) 350-7758. The CERT program is 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.

- The City of Fontana, in partnership with Water of Life Community Church, offers Fontana residents no-cost or low cost community services through the Community Assistance Program (CAP). CAP provides area residents with the ability to readily access resources and community services; which enrich the lives of families and individuals, enabling them to lead more productive lives. Fontana's CAP Program brings together community assistance organizations, local churches and schools to create a network designed to solve problems and assist people in need.
- To see what is going on in your area regarding crime you can visit Citizencompass.org.
- Lt. Faulkner will be taking over soon as Area Commander of Area 4. His phone number will be the same as Lt. Wendt's (350-7708), but his email is Dfaulkner@fontana.org
- Police Personnel update: 201 approved sworn positions, 191 of those positions are filled. The city's population is currently 182,257, and should increase during the next year to about 187,000.
- Advised on the website there is a map, that shows the Neighborhood Watch groups in the city. You can move your cursor over a star in your area, and it will give you information regarding the block captain. 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 noise violators rather than having a citizen sign a complaint form.
- With the housing market in a slump, the rate of foreclosures is way up. If you see any abandoned houses that are not being kept up, please call (909) 350-7686 to report them.
- When the economy is poor, property crimes usually increase. Metal theft, vehicle burglaries, catalytic converters thefts, and thefts of air conditioning units are high right now. Vehicle burglaries are a crime of opportunity. It can take someone less than a minute to break into your vehicle and take your valuables. Don't leave anything in your vehicle that you aren't willing to part with. We have caught some burglars in the last 3 months. Increased lighting and locked gates are a deterrent. A lot of times the thief is going to look for the easiest target.
- Advised federal court determined that California jails were over crowded and they want to release approximately 40,000 people. The criminals that are likely going to be released are the ones who commit property crime. Advised if their sentence is less than 18 months they probably won't even go to jail. They will likely either be placed on summary probation or summary parole. The state is looking to only release 20,000, but the federal court is looking at 40,000 people.

- Traffic officers conducted a Community Enrichment Program in Area 4 in February. The officers were looking for expired registration, and unsafe vehicles. Code Compliance also gets a lot of their cases from this program. There were 61 vehicles impounded, 231 parking violation cites issues, 14 moving violations, 1 stolen/recovered vehicle, and 17 code compliance cases opened.
- Cell phone law is going into effect in July. Which means you can not use a cell phone while driving unless it is hands free. Anyone under 18 is not allowed to use a cell phone while driving at all.
- The city has a 1st time home buyer program, which gives you a loan up to \$35,000 and they forgive 10% a year. The 15th year they will forgive the whole loan.
- Community Clean Up day is April 12th from 8 to 1.
- Cadet Informational meeting is April 16th at 5pm. If you know anyone who is a recent high school graduate, or is scheduled to graduate in 2008, and has an interest in the law enforcement field this is a good opportunity for them to get more information about our cadet program.
- Construction updates- The Library is opening April 19th. Center Stage should be opening soon. Cherry from Slover to Jurupa should be done by June. The Jurupa Project, the widening from Catawba to Sierra, has been delayed and hopefully will start next month.

Louis Norfolk, Animal Control

- The city pays for 2 ½ animal control officers for this area.
- Last year dealt with 12,700 calls, 1,900 dead animal calls and 1,300 aggressive animal calls and several barking dog calls.
- The city of Fontana can not be a victim of a barking dog complaint.
 - When they get the complaint they will send you and the owner of the animal a letter. The letter to you is to explain the procedure, and the letter to the owner has tips on how to fix the nuisance. They give the owner 7 to 10 days to fix the problem. After that you will have to keep a log for about 10 days. After that if they find there is a nuisance the owner of the animal will be cited. The complainant will have to go to court along with the Animal Control Officer because they will have to testify. The judge hardly ever removes the animal from the house, but will make orders to correct the problem.
- They have officers in the field 365 days a year, 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. However at night they will only respond to emergency calls such as broken bones, biting or bleeding animals. If you call at night make sure you are next to your phone because the officer will call you back to make sure it's a legitimate call.

Mayor's Roundtable Meeting

- Where do we find ourselves
 - Strengths
 - Financial Strengths
 - Added Tremendous talent to our team

- Financial Strengths
 - Assed Valuation
 - \$14.65 Billion, in 2007 the city gained over \$3 billion in one year.
 - Sales Tax is a strong base
 - 2006-2007 \$25 million
 - 2007-2008 \$28 million
- Fontana was recognized as 100 best communities to live in for youth in America.
- The trade area within a 10 mile radius is \$67,000 per house hold with a \$2 billion trade area.
- All of Fontana is now an economic engine
 - Kaiser is going to start reconstructing their hospital which is a \$2 billion redevelopment.
 - California Speedway
 - The city has Costco, 2 Home Depots, a Lowes, Circuit City, San Antonio Medical offices, Office Max and an Apple Bee's.
 - Currently going to be adding 3 hotels, the Hilton Garden, Holiday Inn Express, and Holiday Inn Select.
 - The Auto Center last year added Rotolo, now Shafer Kia is moving there along with Rock Honda who will be submitting plans in 90 days to move up there.
 - The city of Fontana will be getting more restaurants also.
- Weaknesses
 - Economy is slowing down
 - Aging infrastructure and Congested Corridors
- Economy Slowing down
 - There is a slow down on residential area but not in the commercial area. We are not going down because of foreclosure rates.
 - The city is going to try to make it difficult for families to leave; we have great amenities such as the library and Fontana Park.
 - We are going to focus on marketing key retail businesses.
 - Amerihost/Comfort Inn feeds off of the Speedway and also the Ontario Airport.
 - Holiday Inn Select will be a 126 bed facility
 - Hilton Gardens already broke ground.
 - Holiday Inn Express will be designed this year.
 - With those hotels the city should bring in \$200,000 to \$300,000 a year.
- Aging infrastructure and Congested Corridors
 - The city is going to invest in the infrastructure
 - Partnering with today for tomorrows transportation coalitions to redo the I-10 freeway.

- Overpass projects
 - Citrus
 - Cherry
 - Cypress
- Alder interchange (which is a \$200-\$250 million project.)
- Road widening throughout Fontana
 - Sierra
 - Baseline
 - Foothill/Citrus Median
 - Foothill/Cherry to Ilex
 - Jurupa Widening
 - Cherry Widening (should be complete this year)
 - Improvement on Valley
 - Newly annexed area redevelopment
- Future Developments
 - We want Fontana to be a major employment center.
 - The city owns the freeway frontage at Ventana to development employment opportunities.
 - Promenade-pedestrian friendly life style center, which will be theatre and restaurant based.
 - Downtown revitalization, Fontana Center Stage which is a dinner Theatre.
 - Plans for economy rebound

Mike Molina-City of Fontana Don Day Recreation Center Coordinator

- Advised they offer many programs for all ages ranging from Tiny Tot classes to Tax planning.
- All the elementary schools offer the Smart Kids Program.
- April 5th will be Family Art day at the Art Depot in Center city.

Laura Van Sciver-Community Services

- The Moving Vietnam Memorial Wall is the half size replica of the Washington DC Vietnam Veterans Memorial and has been touring the country for more than twenty years. When John Devitt attended the 1982 dedication in Washington, he felt the positive power of “the Wall.” He vowed to share that experience with those who did not have the opportunity to go to Washington. The Moving Vietnam Wall will be in Fontana May 1st to May 5th.
- April 19th is the Fontana Library Grand Opening.

Lt. Dave Faulkner

- Advised he will be taking over May 10th as the Area Commander for Area 4.
- He currently works in the Met Unit which deals with graffiti and gangs.
- He has worked as an area commander in the past and has the pleasure to come back to the program.
- Advised if you have any questions, concerns, or problems to call him first or email him at dfaulkner@fontana.org.

- Advised he can't fix every problem but will try whatever we can to fix the problem.

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Concerns of South Fontana residents:

- Asked about illegal fireworks. ***Lt. Faulkner advised the city council voted to outlaw all fireworks in the city after this year. This year will be the last year to have any type of fireworks in the city. Advised this year we will have all of the MET unit out along with all the payback officers out looking for illegal fireworks. There is a \$1000 fine for illegal fireworks. Advised it's hard to be everywhere when they are going off. If you would like to see a good fireworks show go to Fontana High School they have a big event every year.***
- Advised the Mayor talked a great deal about the North end in the video, asked if there is anything in the future for the South end. ***Lt. Faulkner advised what Commercial businesses do is look at roof tops in the area. Commercial projects are usually around 18 month behind residential development. The Cypress Overpass is a huge project for the south end of the city. Advised Lowe's is looking to develop down in the south end of the city. Advised most of the property in the south end is privately owned not owned by the city, which creates a lot of problems if the city would like to develop on that property.***

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON JUNE 26, 2008, AT 6:30 P.M. AT SOUTHRIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL (14500 LIVE OAK). PLEASE SUBMIT ANY ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA BY JUNE 25, 2008 TO:

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